SUMMARY per P. and O. S. SUMATRA.

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BIRTH.

EWING.—December 20, at Coniston House, Wollongong, the wife of the Rev. T. C. Ewing, of a daughter.

MARRIAGES.

LAW—CHARGIE.—December 18, at Box Hill, Armidale, by the Rev. Thomas Johnstone, John Charles Law, teacher of the Public school at Casino, to Elizabeth, eldest daughter of Walter Craigie.

MACINTYRE—PALMER.—December 17, at No. 1, Bent-street, Sydney, by the Rev. Dr. Steel, Alexander Macintyre, to Helen Clough, eldest daughter of Mr. Charles Palmer.

DEATHS.

HAWORTH.—December 21, at his residence, Crown-street, Wollongong, Robert Haworth, Esq., late of Bury, Lancashire, England, aged 74 years.

LAW.—December 24, at the residence of her parents, 4, Thomson-street, Helena, wife of George F. Law, and third daughter of Mr. William Chapman, builder.

SCOTT.—December 23, at the residence of her parents, Sebastopol-street, Stanmore, Amy Ada Scott, aged 11 years and 5 months—greatly beloved by all who knew her. "Safe in the arms of Jesus."

SHIPPING.

PENINSULAR AND ORIENTAL STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY.
The Company's steamship
ELLORA,
1727 tons, 300 horse-power,
E. G. STEAD, commander,
will leave Sydney for MELBOURNE, on SUNDAY, the 26th December, 1875, at 9 a.m., in connection with the departure from that port of the Company's steamship
SUMATRA,
2488 tons, 450 horse-power,
which will be dispatched on THURSDAY, the 30th December, 1875, for ADELAIDE, KING GEORGE'S SOUND, and GALLE, with H. M. Mails, passengers, cargo, and parcels; also for INDIA, MAURITIUS, JAVA, SINGAPORE, CHINA, JAPAN, and EUROPE.
Cargo will be received until 5 p.m. on the 23rd, specie and parcels until 10 a.m. on the 24th December.
For information on all subjects connected with the Company's various lines apply to
HENRY MOORE, Agent.
Moore's Wharf, 29th November, 1875.
Passengers accommodation in SUMATRA allotted in Sydney by plans in office, as heretofore, at same rates as from Melbourne.
Passage money and freight per ELLORA between Sydney and Melbourne at local rates.
☞ A steamer will be in attendance to convey passengers and baggage to and from Moore's Wharf on arrival or embarkation.

THE EASTERN AND AUSTRALIAN MAIL STEAMSHIP COMPANY (Limited).
OVERLAND ROUTE via BRISBANE, NORTHERN QUEENSLAND PORTS, TORRES STRAITS, JAVA and SINGAPORE, to EUROPE, INDIA, CHINA, JAPAN, and AMERICA.
The Company's new magnificent steamship
BOWEN, 1700 tons,
(built expressly for the trade,)
T. Park, Esq., commander,
under contract with the Queensland Government, will be dispatched, from the Commercial Wharf, for
BRISBANE,
on FRIDAY, December 31st, at 5 p.m.,
taking H. M. mails and passengers for above ports, and also goods and specie for Somerset, Java, Singapore, and Hongkong direct; or for transhipment to Europe, China, Japan, or America.
This Company, having effected satisfactory arrangements with the Messageries Maritime mail steamers, is prepared to book passengers at a through rate to Marseilles or any port at which the M. M. mail steamers call.
For full particulars as to rates of passage and other information apply to
SCOTT, HENDERSON, and CO., Agents.
322, George-street.

E. AND A. M. S. BOWEN, for COOKTOWN.—This steamer will call off COOKTOWN to land and receive passengers.
For rates of PASSAGE apply immediately to
SCOTT, HENDERSON, and CO., Agents.

PASSENGERS FOR COOKTOWN.—The E. and A. M. S. Company's magnificent steamer BOWEN, having unrivalled accommodation for STEERAGE passengers, will leave the Cosmopolitan Wharf, at 5 p.m. PROMPT on FRIDAY, 31st December.
SCOTT, HENDERSON, and CO., Agents.

CHINESE PASSENGERS FOR HONGKONG.—The E. and A. Company's steamer BOWEN leaves the Cosmopolitan Wharf on FRIDAY, 31st December, punctually at 5 p.m., and has excellent accommodation.
PASSAGE MONEY, including provisions, £10 10s.
SCOTT, HENDERSON, and CO., Agents.

E. AND A. M. S. BOWEN.—ALL CARGO for shipment by this steamer must be at the COSMOPOLITAN WHARF not later than WEDNESDAY, at 5 p.m., and must have the port of DESTINATION distinctly marked on each package or it cannot be received. BILLS OF LADING, with receipts for goods, must be lodged at the office of the undersigned by NOON on THURSDAY.
SCOTT, HENDERSON, and CO., Agents.

E. AND A. M. S. BOWEN.—ALL ACCOUNTS against this steamer must be rendered in TRIPLICATE, at the office of the undersigned by NOON on THURSDAY; otherwise they will not be recognised.
SCOTT, HENDERSON, and CO., Agents.

PACIFIC MAIL S.S. CO.
OVERLAND ROUTE TO GREAT BRITAIN, THROUGH AMERICA.
Under contract with N. S. W. and N. Z. Governments,
A Pacific Mail steamship will be dispatched with her Majesty's mails, on FRIDAY, 14th January, 1876, at 6 p.m. for KANDAVAU, HONOLULU, and SAN FRANCISCO, booking passengers for FIJI, Honolulu, and all parts of America and Europe.
Passengers for Europe may obtain tickets enabling them to remain six months in America.
This line offers special inducements to passengers, the steamers having been built expressly for the Pacific trade. Fitted with all modern improvements for ventilation in a hot climate, and having superior accommodation for 150 first-class passengers.
The contractors being in combination with the Union and Central Pacific Railway Companies, passengers may rely on every attention and facility being afforded them in their journey across the American continent.
For rates of passage and freight, and for all other information, apply to
GILCHRIST, WATT, and CO., Agents.
The ship will be named when it is decided which shall take the mails for January, there being three vessels expected, viz., City of San Francisco, Colima, and Mikado.

THE AUSTRALASIAN STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY'S STEAMSHIPS.
TO MELBOURNE.—Alexandra, Tuesday, at 4.30 p.m.
FARES: Saloon at current rates.
TO NEWCASTLE, RAYMOND TERRACE, and MORPETH.—Collaroy, Sunday night, at 12; and Coonamble, Monday morning, at 9.
TO BRISBANE.—Lady Bowen, this day; Friday, at 4 p.m.
TO MARYBOROUGH.—Steamer early.
TO ROCKHAMPTON.—Boomerang, Wednesday, at 4 p.m.
TO CLEVELAND BAY, via PORT DENISON.—Victoria, early.
TO COOKTOWN WHARF.—Victoria, early.
CARGO is now being received for transmission to any of the above ports.
FREDK. H. TROUTON, Manager.

AUSTRALASIAN STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY.
CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS.
Excursion Tickets to and from Newcastle and Morpeth will be issued, on and after MONDAY, 20th December, available until 3rd January, by either this or the H. R. N. S. N. Co., at a SINGLE FARE for the DOUBLE JOURNEY, viz.:—

	Saloon.	Steerage.
Newcastle	12s 6d	7s 6d
Morpeth	15s	9s.

SPECIAL NOTICE
The magnificent steamship
COONANBARA
will leave this Wharf, at 9 a.m., on MONDAY (Boxing Day), with excursionists for Newcastle, returning same evening, thus affording a splendid opportunity for making a sea trip and enjoying a few hours' recreation at Newcastle at a very small expense.
FREDK. H. TROUTON, Manager.
A. S. N. Co.'s Wharf—foot of Margaret-street.

STEAM to HOBART TOWN direct.—Steamship TARMAN, from GRAFTON WHARF, on or about TUESDAY, 18th January, at 4 p.m.
For freight or passage apply to
T. and W. WILLIS, 48, Pitt-street.

THE CLARENCE AND NEW ENGLAND STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY'S STEAMSHIPS, from Commercial Wharf, foot of King-street.
For GRAFTON, CLARENCE RIVER, via NEWCASTLE.—The NEW ENGLAND, on TUESDAY NIGHT, at 10 o'clock.
P. S. BUYERS, pro Manager.

BELLINGER RIVER.—The STAR OF THE SEA on Tuesday. O'Dowd and Co., Commercial W.

ILLAWARRA S. N. CO'S STEAMSHIP
WOLLONGONG.—To-night, and Monday, 11 p.m.
KIAMA and SHOALHAVEN.—To-night, at 11.
MERIMBULA, Eden, and Twofold Bay.—Tuesday, 11 p.m.
SHELLHARBOUR.—To-night, and Tuesday, at 8 p.m.
ULLADULLA, Clyde, Moruya.—Friday, 9.15 a.m.

ILLAWARRA STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY.
CHRISTMAS and NEW YEAR EXCURSIONS.
Return tickets at single fares (for both cabin and steerage passengers) will be issued by the various steamers of this Company, available from Monday, the 20th instant, to Tuesday, the 4th January, 1876.
No charge for meals on board.

PARRAMATTA RIVER STEAMERS.
CHRISTMAS EVE.
Extra steamer, from King-street—9 p.m. to Gladesville, 11 p.m. to Ryde.
CHRISTMAS DAY.
From King-street—7, 9, 11 a.m.; 1, 3, 5, 6.15 p.m.
BOXING-DAY.
Steamers Pelican, Emu, and Parramatta to and from Sydney and Hunter's Hill and Ryde, calling at all wharfs EVERY HOUR.

PARRAMATTA RIVER STEAMERS
BOXING DAY, DECEMBER 27.
EXCURSION TRIPS FROM KING-STREET.
Steamers will ply from King-street and PARRAMATTA, calling at BALMAIN, ERMINGTON, NEWINGTON, BILOELA, HUNTER'S HILL, GLADESVILLE, TARBAN, RYDE, and Subiaco, as under:—
From Sydney—Pelican 7, Emu 9, Parramatta 10, Peli. 11, Parr 12, Emu 1, Parr. 2.30, Peli. 3, Emu 5, Parr. 6, Emu 7, Parr. 11.
From Parramatta—Emu 7, Parr. 8, Peli. 9, Emu 11, Peli. 1, Emu 3, Peli. 5, Emu 7. Fares: Parramatta, 1st class, 1s 6d, return 2s 6d; 2nd class 1s, return 1s 6d; children, return 6d.
Steamers from Ryde, calling at all wharfs—Emu, Peli., Parr. 7.40, 8.40, 9.40, 10.40, 11.40, 12.40, 1.40, 3.40, 4.40, 5.40, 6.40, 7.40.
Steamers to Ryde, calling at all wharfs—7, 9, 10, 11, 12, 2.30, 3, 5, 6, 7, 11.
Fares: Ryde, 1st class, 1s 6d, return 2s; 2nd, 1s, return 1s 6d. Hunter's Hill, 1st class, 9d, return 1s; 2nd class, 6d, return 9d; children, return—1st class, 6d.

HUNTER'S HILL AND LANE COVE STEAM FERRY.
Steamer WOMERALI
will leave Lime-street Wharf at 11.15 p.m. on CHRISTMAS EVE.
On CHRISTMAS DAY the same trips as on Sundays.
On MONDAY, 27th December,
From Lime-street Wharf, 9, 11, 1, 3, 5, 7.
From Lane Cove, 8, 10, 12, 2, 4, 6.

THE NEWCASTLE STEAMSHIP COMPANY (LIMITED).
The S. S. KEMBLA will leave Sydney for NEWCASTLE every MONDAY, TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY, THURSDAY, and FRIDAY NIGHT, at half-past 11 o'clock.
And leave NEWCASTLE for SYDNEY every TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY, THURSDAY, FRIDAY, and SATURDAY MORNING, at 10 o'clock.
Office and Stores, Patent Slip Wharf, Sydney; and Scott-street, Newcastle.
F. GARDNER, Secretary.

THE ANNUAL CHEAP EXCURSIONS to and from Sydney during the Christmas Holidays by the people's s.s. KEMBLA will commence on MONDAY, 20th, available to the 3rd of January (inclusive).
☞ SPECIAL NOTICE.—The KEMBLA will leave NEWCASTLE on CHRISTMAS NIGHT, at 11 o'clock, for SYDNEY.
FRANK GARDNER, Secretary.

HUNTER RIVER N. S. N. CO.—STEAM TO NEWCASTLE, MORPETH, RAYMOND TERRACE, &c.
FROM SYDNEY;
THIS (Friday) NIGHT, at 11, the MAITLAND.
TO-MORROW (Saturday) NIGHT, at 11, the CITY OF NEWCASTLE.
F. J. THOMAS, Manager.
Offices—foot of Market-street.

HUNTER RIVER N. S. N. CO.—CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS.—Excursion Tickets, at a single fare for the double journey, will be issued by the above Company on and after MONDAY, 20th December, up to (and including) MONDAY, 3rd January, available for return not later than the last-mentioned date, either by this or by the A. S. N. Co.'s steamers.
FARES TO OR FROM NEWCASTLE—MORPETH.

Saloon	12s 6d	15s.
Steerage	7s 6d	9s.

F. J. THOMAS, Manager.
Offices—foot of Market-street.

THE C. and R. S. N. CO.'S STEAMSHIPS.—To GRAFTON, CLARENCE RIVER direct, with PASSENGERS and CARGO.—The favourite paddle steamship AGNES IRVING, on TUESDAY, the 28th December, at 9 p.m., leaving GRAFTON on FRIDAY, at noon, weather permitting.
To MACLEAY RIVER, with Passengers and Cargo.—The BALLINA, on TUESDAY, the 28th December, at 9 p.m., weather permitting.
To the RICHMOND RIVER, with Passengers and Cargo.—The PLATYPUS early.
NOTICE.—TO-MORROW (Christmas Day) being a Public Holiday, no cargo will be received or delivered from this wharf except perishable goods or live stock.
SPECIAL NOTICE.—To Passengers and Shippers of Goods.—The AGNES IRVING will leave SYDNEY direct for the CLARENCE RIVER on the 28th instant; and will leave GRAFTON, at noon, on the 24th and 31st instant, this latter alteration being necessary on account of Christmas and New Year's Days falling on the usual sailing day, Saturday.
JOHN WHITE, Secretary.
Sussex-street.

STEAM TO MELBOURNE.—The Melbourne Steamship Company will dispatch the
S.S. DANDENONG, 960 tons,
F. H. Stanford, commander,
THIS DAY, Friday, 24th December, at 12 NOON.
and the
S.S. MACEDON, 1000 tons,
J. R. Clark, commander,
on TUESDAY, 28th December, at 12 NOON.
THE SALOONS ARE AMIDSHIPS.
For freight or passage, and all particulars, apply to
WM. HOWARD SMITH, Struth's Wharf, foot of King-street.

CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS
EXCURSION TO NEWCASTLE.
CHEAP FARES.
The Melbourne Steamship Company will issue RETURN TICKETS, available for a Month, by any of their steamers.
Fares:
SALOON, return 16s. STEERAGE, return, 8s.
YOU YANGS, TUESDAY, at 7 p.m.
BARRABOOL, THURSDAY, at 8 a.m.
WM. HOWARD SMITH,
Struth's Wharf, foot of King-street.

STEAM TO MELBOURNE.—The undersigned intend dispatching the steamers
YOU YANGS or DANDENONG,
every Friday;
MACEDON or BARRABOOL,
every Tuesday.
THE SALOONS ARE AMIDSHIPS.
Return tickets (saloon) are issued, available for two months by either steamer.
The steamers will leave Melbourne for Sydney also every Tuesday and Friday.
WM. HOWARD SMITH, Struth's Wharf.

STEAM TO BRISBANE and MARYBOROUGH.—The Melbourne Steamship Company will dispatch the
S. S. EDINA,
J. H. Smith, commander,
on FRIDAY, 31st December, at 4 p.m.
The SALOON is AMIDSHIPS.
For fares, freight (at REDUCED RATES), and all particulars, apply to
WILLIAM HOWARD SMITH,
Struth's Wharf.

MANLY BEACH STEAMERS leave Queen's Wharf..7.15, 10.15, 11.30, 2.15, 4.30, 6
Woolloomooloo .... 10.30, 11.45, 2.30.
Manly Beach..... 8.15, 9.15, 12, 3.15, 4.45, 5.30.
Fare—Return ticket, 1s. 6d.; children, 1s.
J. R. CAREY.
N.B.—Extra trip to Manly, at 10.30, THIS EVENING.

WATSON'S BAY.—Steamer GOLDEN ROSE leaves—Watson's Bay, 8, 11.15, 5
Circular Quay, 10.15, 2.30.
Woolloomooloo, 10.30, 2.40.

MANLY BEACH STEAMERS
CHRISTMAS DAY
leave Queen's Wharf 10.15, 2.30; Woolloomooloo 10.30, 2.45; Manly Beach 9.15, 12, 5.
Fare—Return ticket, 1s 6d; children, 1s.
J. R. CAREY.

TO PASSENGERS FOR LONDON.—The magnificent and fine-suite passenger steamship
87 OSBYN
will be dispatched from SYDNEY
EARLY IN MARCH, 1876.
For plans of cabins, and other particulars, apply to
JOHN FRAZER and CO.

FOR LONDON—
To sail early in JANUARY,
The splendid new iron clipper ship
LOCKSLEY HALL, Al 20 years, 1226 tons register,
Charles Barnes, commander,
will be dispatched as above, and shippers are requested to complete their shipping engagements with all speed.
For freight or passage apply to
BRIGHT, BROTHERS, and CO.,
Agents, 82, Pitt-street.
Wool received at J. C. Lloyd and Co.'s Store, Cosmopolitan Wharf.

FOR LONDON.—The magnificent new clipper ship RYDAL HALL, M. H. Foster, commander, having the whole of her dead weight engaged, and a large quantity of wool down, will receive early dispatch.
Wool received at Talbot's.
Apply to Captain FOSTER on board; or to
YOUNG and LARK, George and Margaret streets.

FOR LONDON.—
The undersigned will dispatch the undermentioned well-known clipper ships in the following order during the ensuing season:—

	Tons.	Commander.	To sail.
AGNES ROSE	993	Moir	Jan.
PARRAMATTA	1621	Goddard	Feb.
CAPENDA (new)	1084	Macfarlane	Feb.
WINDSOR CASTLE	876	Fernie	Feb.

For plans of cabins, rates of passage, and all other information, apply to
GILCHRIST, WATT, and CO., Agents.

FOR LONDON.
The regular trader and A1 clipper ship
DUKE OF SUTHERLAND,
1047 tons register, Thomas Loutitt, commander, now ready to receive, will have quick dispatch.
For freight or passage apply to Captain LOUTITT, on board, at Smith's Wharf; or to
JOHN FRAZER and CO.
Wool received at Talbot's.

FOR SHANGHAI.
The splendid A1 clipper ship
NORTHAMPTON,
161 tons register, Captain William Barclay, will be dispatched for the above port about the 22nd January, 1876, having passenger accommodation and light freight.
For rates of passage and freight, and all other particulars apply to Captain BARCLAY, on board at Circular Quay wharf.
JOHN FRAZER and CO.

FOR BOMBAY.
The A1 clipper ship
GAINSBOROUGH,
734 tons register, John Cotter, commander, will be dispatched for the above port about the 12th January, 1876, as fine accommodation for passengers, and can take a limited quantity of light freight.
For rates of passage and freight and any other particulars, apply to Captain CARTER, on board at Smith's Wharf; or to
JOHN FRAZER and CO.

FOR ADELAIDE direct—
The A1 clipper barque
LOCH URR,
715 tons register, S. Murdock, commander,
having the greater portion of her cargo engaged, will be dispatched on WEDNESDAY, the 29th instant.
For freight or passage, apply to Captain MURDOCK, on board, at Moore's Wharf; or to
JOHN FRAZER and CO.

ABERDEEN CLIPPER LINE FOR LONDON
To follow the SAMUEL PLIMSOLL.
The well-known A1 clipper ship
NINEVEH,
1174 tons register, R. Kemball, commander,
having under instructions from her owners to sail not later than the FIRST WEEK IN FEBRUARY, will be expedited without delay.
Passengers are invited to inspect her saloon accommodation.
For freight or passage, apply to Captain KEMBALL, on board; or to
MONTEFIORE, JOSEPH, and CO.
Wool received at Talbot's stores.

MESSRS. GREEN'S BLACKWALL LINE OF PACKETS.
MELBOURNE TO LONDON.
NOTICE TO PASSENGERS.
The new and high-classed clipper ship MELBOURNE, 968 tons register, R. Marsh, commander (late of the Ascalon), will sail on or about 4th January.
This vessel carries an experienced surgeon, and has splendid accommodation for saloon, second cabin, and steerage passengers.
For rates of passage and all particulars apply to
WILLIAM LAIDLEY and CO., Agents, Exchange.

FOR LONDON.
For wool and passengers only.
The fine clipper ship and regular trader AGNES ROSE will have immediate dispatch.
Intending passengers are invited to inspect the splendid and well-ventilated saloon accommodation.
Has also fine accommodation for a limited number of intermediate passengers, in house on deck.
For plan of cabin, rates of freight and passage, apply to Captain MOIR on board; or to
GILCHRIST, WATT, and CO., Agents.
Wool received at Flood's.

FOR LONDON.—The undermentioned favourite clipper ships will be dispatched during the ensuing season:—

Ship.	Tons.	Commander.	To Sail.
JOHN DUTHIE	1031	Levey	December.
ERATO	1205	Trenoweth	January.
WILLIAM DUTHIE	968	Davidson	January.
LLENGAIRN	896	Finister	February
LADSTONE	1159	Jackson	March.

To be followed by other first-class ships.
For rates of passage, &c., apply to
DANGAR, GEDYE, and CO.

ABERDEEN CLIPPER LINE.—For LONDON.—The following first-class vessels, making an average passage of 80 days, will be dispatched on or about the following dates:—

	Tons.	Commander.	
AMUFI PLIMSOLL	1444	Bowden	Jan.
NINEVEH	1174	Kemball	Feb.
AMASUS	964	Ross	Jan.
AVILMORE	1091	Ayling	Mar.
WAVE OF LIFE	887	Bain	Mar.

To be followed by other first-class vessels.
Apply to MONTEFIORE, JOSEPH, and CO
11 Connell-street.

MESSRS. MONEY WIGRAM and SONS (of Blackwall Yard, London)
LINE of STEAM and SAILING PACKETS.
comprising the steamships Northumberland (new), Cumbershire, and Durham (new), and the following splendid clipper ships, which have been built and fitted expressly for the Australian passenger trade:—Lincolnshire, Norfolk, True Briton, Essex, Hampshire (new), &c.

Ship.	Commander.	To Sail 1875.
YORKSHIRE	G. F. Gibbes	Dec. 30
NORFOLK	J. O'Callaghan	Jan. 26.
S. SOMERSETSHIRE	H. F. Holt	Feb. 12.
Via CAPE OF GOOD HOPE.		
DUKE BRITON	G. M. Miller	Feb. 26.
S. S. DURHAM	F. Anderson	April 12.

Their accommodations for all classes of passengers are unsurpassed, and they will each carry an experienced surgeon. The SALOON CABINS are fitted with the necessary fixed CABIN FURNITURE.
PASSAGE ORDERS are issued to persons desirous of sending for their friends from home. Passage money, £16 and upwards. A liberal allowance to families. Return tickets are granted at reduced rates.
For all particulars apply to M. METCALFE and CO., 9, Bridge-street.

FOR LONDON.—
The PARRAMATTA
will sail positively 1st February, and offers unusual advantages to 2nd and 3rd CLASS passengers, who will be taken at REDUCED RATES.
Apply on board, to Captain GODDARD, Circular Quay; or to GILCHRIST, WATT, and CO.

FOR LEVUKA AND TAVIUNI, FIJI.
The clipper brig
WESTERN STAR,
W. Wolsch, master,
now discharging inward Cargo at Market Wharf, will have prompt dispatch.
For freight or passage, apply to
E. VICKERY, 116, Pitt-street.

FOR AUCKLAND.—The clipper schooner AMELIA, 230 tons burthen, Captain Barry, will meet with quick dispatch.
For freight or passage apply to
GIBSON and HALE, Agents,
237, George-street.

FOR ADELAIDE.—For light Freight only.
The fine A1 iron clipper ship
FLEUR-DE-LIS, 998 tons register,
T. B. Rees, commander,
will be dispatched in a few days.
Apply to the Captain, on board, at Parbury's Wharf; or
LEARMONTH, DICKINSON, and CO., Agents.

FOR NOUMEA, NEW CALEDONIA.
The fine Clipper Brig,
SEA NYMPH,
having the greater portion of her cargo engaged will be dispatched as above early in January.
For freight or passage apply to MONTEFIORE and MONTEFIORE, 5, Gresham-street.

FOR ADELAIDE.—The new A1 clipper schooner EDITH MAY, 213 tons register, will sail in a few days.
For freight or passage, having good accommodation, apply to
WILLIAM DRUITT, 123, Pitt-street North.

RICHMOND RIVER (all parts).—Margaret Jane, first fair wind. Cargo received, Lime-st Wharf.

RICHMOND RIVER.—The Wallace and Bruce, receiving cargo for Lismore, Casino, Lime-st. Wharf.

FOR PORT MACQUARIE.—TITANIA sails first fair wind. For freight, apply Market Wharf.

FOR BERMAGUI, Cobargo.—Schooner ADVANCE, sails This Day. H. CLARKE, Victoria Wharf.

FOR FREIGHT or CHARTER, clipper schooner Monarch, 230 tons; Resolute, 100 tons; Morning Star, 50 tons. For all particulars apply W. and J. H. SHORT, Baltic Wharf.

FOR FREIGHT or CHARTER.—☞ The clipper barque FARNINGHAM, 400 tons register, Captain Beran, is open for freight or charter to any part of the world.
For all particulars apply to
GIBSON and HALE, Agents, 237, George-street.

FOR FREIGHT OR CHARTER.—The new A1 iron clipper ship
ROUTENBECK,
920 tons register, Thomas Carr, commander,
For all particulars apply to
JOHN FRAZER and CO.

FOR FREIGHT or CHARTER—The first-class barque ISLAND CITY, well adapted for carrying stock.
JAMES MERRIMAN, Argyle-street.

CHARTERS.—The undersigned are open to Charter vessels from Sydney or Newcastle, for
Shanghai
San Francisco
Mauritius.
WM. LAIDLEY and CO., Exchange, Pitt-street.

SHIP KIRKWOOD, from Liverpool.—Consignees of goods by this vessel are requested to PASS ENTRIES at once for Smith's Wharf, all cargo not cleared within the time allowed by law will be landed and stored at consignees' risk and expense.
The ship will not be responsible for any damage to, or loss of cargo after same has been landed.
Bills of Lading must be produced, freight paid, and delivery orders obtained at the office of the undersigned before any goods can leave the wharf.
LOFIMER, MARWOOD and ROWE, Agents,
34, O'Connell-street.
Captain SINNOTT of the above ship will not be responsible for any DEBTS his seamen may contract without his written authority.

SHIP SUNDA.—All ACCOUNTS against this ship must be rendered in QUADRUPLICATE, at the office of the undersigned, on or before FRIDAY, 24th instant, by NOON, otherwise they cannot be recognised.
SCOTT, HENDERSON, and CO., Agents,
322, George-street.

STEAM LAUNCHES for HIRE during the holidays Parramatta River Steamers, King-street Wharf.

FOR SALE, Centre Board Fishing BOAT. Complete. S. BEYDEN, St. Andrew-street, Balmain.

FOR SALE FISHING BOAT and SKIFF. Apply G. BARNETT, Blue's Point.

FOR HIRE, Boxing Day, S. Launch DIAMOND P. 45. A. E. DOIG, Blue's Point.

THE Undersigned have for SALE, the clipper Schooner WAVE OF LIFE, 76 tons register.
For further particulars, apply to
JOHN FRAZER and CO.

FOR HIRE, fast and favourite steam yacht ETHEL, price moderate. J. HALSTEAD, Milson's Point.

FOR SALE, the following Clipper BARQUES, classed A1 at Lloyd's and shortly expected in Sydney:—
CORINNE—396 tons register; length, 127 feet; breadth, 28 feet; depth, 17 feet 3 inches. Built at Sunderland in 1861; reclassed, docked, and recoppered, at a cost of £1400, in April, 1875.
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MEETINGS.

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In addition to the above, three Members will have to be elected to fill up vacancies caused by the deaths of Messrs. H. Reed, and E. H. Woodhouse, and the retirement of Mr. George Oakes.

N.B.—Any member desiring to nominate members for the Council shall do so in writing to the Secretary ten days at least prior to the date fixed for the election thereof. Such shall forthwith be posted up in the Society's Rooms, and published one week at least prior to the election.

JULES JOUBERT, Secretary.

WINDSOR FIRE RELIEF COMMITTEE.—Committee please attend the office of the undersigned, THIS (Friday) AFTERNOON, at 3 o'clock.

RICHARD DRIVER, Hon. Secretary.

AUSTRALIAN JOCKEY CLUB.

The ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of the above Club will be held at Tattersall's Hotel, Pitt-street, Sydney, on MONDAY, the 10th January, 1876, at 4 o'clock in the afternoon.

Business: To receive the Committee's Report, the Treasurer's Balance-sheet, Auditors' Report, &c., and any other business that may be brought forward.

By order,

T. S. CLIBBORN, Secretary, A. J. C.

MASONIC PICNIC.—Lodges 260, 265, and 267, Committee MEETING THIS EVENING, Freemasons' Hall, at 7.30 sharp.

J. LEE and H. TERNOUTH, Secs.

WHEREAS a REQUISITION purporting to be signed by not less than one-third of the Proprietors of land through which the parish road, known as the Kingsgrove Road passes, and not less than one-third of the proprietors of land within three miles of and usually approached by the said road, has been presented to us, the undersigned Justices assembled in Petty Sessions at Sydney, in the district through which the said road passes, and requests us to call a meeting of such Proprietors, as aforesaid, for the purpose of deciding whether the said Proprietors deem it expedient or not that Trustees should be appointed for such road: Now, therefore, we do hereby convene a Public MEETING of all the Proprietors of the said lands for the purpose aforesaid, and we name the Central Police Office, Sydney, as the place where the said Meeting shall be held, and THURSDAY, the 27th day of January, 1876, at 11 o'clock a.m., as the time at which the said meeting shall be held, and we appoint JAMES MURPHY, Esq., J.P., to preside at and Mr. HENRY WEST and Mr. MICHAEL GANNON to act as Assessors at the said Meeting, and we order that notice of the said Meeting be advertised twice in the S. M. HERALD and EVENING NEWS newspapers.

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LOYAL United Brothers' Lodge, 3592, I.O.O., M.U.—Monday being a General Holiday, no business will be transacted until TUESDAY, 28th instant. By order.
J. HUNTER, N.G. W. H. BAKER, Secretary.

BELMORE LODGE.—Order of Druids.—Notice to Members.—Monday, 27th, being a holiday, the usual Meeting will be postponed till TUESDAY, 28th December. By order. H. SAMSON, N.G.A.: J. Mitchell, secretary.

HANDBALL.—Intercolonial Committee meet, THIS (Friday) EVG., 8, Punch's Hotel. D. J. O'Connor

METROPOLITAN TRANSIT COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE, 164, Phillip-street, Sydney, December 20, 1875.—The usual MEETING of the Metropolitan Transit Commissioners will be held at 11 a.m. on WEDNESDAY next, 29th December, instead of 2 p.m.

By order.
W. J. MERRIMAN, Registrar.

MEETING S. H. B. CLUB, at the Rising Sun Hotel, Elizabeth-street South, THIS (Friday) EVENING, 8.30. Persons desirous of joining the Club can do so by attending this meeting. Business—Election of officers for the ensuing year. Those persons joining at this meeting will be eligible for election. J. Dundon, sec.

RELIGIOUS ANNOUNCEMENTS.

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EVANGELICAL ALLIANCE.

ANNUAL INVITATION
for
WEEK OF UNITED AND UNIVERSAL PRAYER,
at the Commencement of the Year.
January 2—9, 1876.

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BELOVED CHRISTIAN BRETHREN THROUGHOUT ALL NATIONS,—"He is faithful that promised." Herein is our encouragement to pray always; not only alone and in secret, but also in sympathy and communion with our fellow Christians of every nation, kindred, and tongue. Let us, therefore, draw near to the throne of Grace; always accessible through the one Mediator and Advocate, who ever liveth to make intercession for us; knowing that the Lord hath not said "seek ye Me" in vain.

For many years you have been invited, in all lands, to usher in the new year with the assembling of yourselves together for thanksgiving and prayer—agreed, notwithstanding diversities of name and nationality, touching the things you ask of God. We gratefully acknowledge your response to our request, and our hearts have been gladdened by the tidings which have come to us from many and various parts of the world, indicating that the January week of United Prayer has, with each successive year, been increasingly and more widely observed. Our devout and abundant thankfulness is due to Almighty God for having manifested His fidelity and goodness in the bestowment of manifold blessings in answer to the supplications of His people. Especially do we recognise this in the bestowment of personal, national, and family mercies; in the effusion of the Holy Spirit and consequent revival of religion in various countries; in the blessings accompanying the preaching of the gospel among all ranks and classes of society; in the opening of doors wide and effectual for the entering in of God's word; and in the increase of Christian love and active co-operation among the followers of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Whilst gratefully remembering the past, we must regard with serious anxiety the present condition of the world, still lying in wickedness, and the weakness, imperfection, and divisions of the Christian Church calling for more prayer and effort. We would be mindful also of the need of a closer fellowship with Christ, a more sincere and entire consecration to His will and service, and a more constant dependence on Divine help, on the part of all those who name the name of Christ. We, therefore, cordially and in all earnestness invite you, if spared to see the opening of the New Year, to join in observing the week commencing January 2nd, 1876, as a week of special and united supplication, and to promote its observance among your fellow Christians around you, asking them with one accord to unite with you, and to make common supplication before the mercy seat of God.

The following topics are suggested as suitable for exhortation and intercession on the successive days of meeting:—

SUNDAY, January 2.

Sermons—The Love of God perfected in him who "keepeth His word." 1 John ii. 5.

MONDAY, January 3.

Thanksgiving and Confession—A retrospect of the past year.

TUESDAY, January 4.

Prayer for the Church of Christ—For the members recently added to the Church; for the union of true believers in fraternal fellowship and active co-operation; for the removal of error, the increase of godliness, and a clearer testimony among believers to the doctrines and power of the gospel of the grace of God.

WEDNESDAY, January 5.

Prayer for Families—for godless parents, for prodigal sons, for children at school, for those entering upon professional and commercial life, for widows and orphans, for sons and daughters in foreign lands, and for all who are mentally or otherwise afflicted.

THURSDAY, January 6.

Prayer for Rulers, Magistrates, and Statesmen—for soldiers and sailors, for national institutions, for philanthropic and charitable societies, for prisoners and captives, and for the persecuted and oppressed.

FRIDAY, January 7.

Prayer for Foreign Missions.—Matthew xxviii. 19.

SATURDAY, January 8.

Prayer for all Nations.—For the maintenance of peace; for the cessation of tumults, wars, and civil strife; for the removal of intemperance, immorality, and infidelity, from the land; and that the fruits of the earth may be brought forth plentifully in their season.

SUNDAY, January 9.

Sermons.—The ultimate Triumph. Psalm lxxii. 17.

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2nd. To promote the holding of United Prayer Meetings during the week in your neighbourhood.

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KILLING SNAKES.—A correspondent informs the *Mining Record* that he has a cattle dog in his possession which invariably kills a snake upon sight, and that a few days ago, while on his way from his residence to Forbes, the animal killed no less than three discovered on the road. The dog's mode of doing battle is singular, for, should the snake rear itself up and show fight, it runs round it in a circle barking furiously, but keeping beyond the reach of its venomous antagonist. The snake soon endeavours to escape, when the dog pounces upon it and gives it a nip at the back of the head, at once breaking the back, and never inflicting a second bite, although the snake may writhe for a few moments. Our informant is not aware of the origin of the dog's antipathy, or whether it has escaped from a bite in its successive encounters; but asserts that it rushes off immediately after victory to the nearest waterhole, in which it at once immerses. We are not surprised at a dog's instinctive aversion to these reptiles, but to hear of one of the feline race, not only killing but eating one of them, is something new to us. It appears that on Thursday afternoon last a large cat in the possession of Mr. H. Cundy brought a black snake, about three feet long, which she had evidently just killed in the garden, up to the house. The reptile was taken away from her, and hung upon the fence; but pussy was not to be content unless she wiped her enemy out completely, and so, pulling the body down, she commenced making a meal, and devoured all but the head, which was afterwards buried.

This day, at 11 a.m., at the Australian Auction Rooms, Pitt-street, household furniture, plate, and Christmas presents; at 12 o'clock, pith hats and bamboo blinds. Important to drapers and parties furnishing. Bradley, Newton, and Lamb, auctioneers.

LAW.

SUPREME COURT.—THURSDAY, DECEMBER 23.
SITTINGS IN EQUITY.
Before his Honor Mr. Justice HARGRAVE, Primary Judge.

KEARNEY AND ANOTHER v. BALDWIN AND ANOTHER.

In this suit, Mr. Butler, Q.C., and Mr. Donovan (Mr. Salmons with them), instructed by Messrs. Fitzhardinge and Son, appeared in support of a motion to appoint Mr. H. F. Vaughan receiver of the rents, income, and profits of the real property comprised in a settlement made upon the marriage of John Henry Linden, deceased, and to restrain the defendants from receiving or dealing with such rents or profits. Mr. Davis, instructed by Messrs. Stephen and Stephen, opposed the motion.

The plaintiffs, who are the trustees of the will of Henry Linden, deceased, father of John Henry Linden, prayed by their bill for a declaration that they became entitled, at the death of John Henry Linden's widow, to the real property comprised in the settlement on the marriage of John Henry Linden and held upon the trusts of Henry Linden's will; for a declaration that Joseph Albert Gorrick, one of the defendants, had been guilty of a breach of trust in appointing William Baldwin, the other defendant, sole trustee of the marriage settlement, for an account and for a receiver. The defendants have not yet put in an answer.

From the affidavits it appeared that under the marriage settlement, in default of issue of the marriage of J. H. Linden, the settled property reverted to Henry Linden. There was also a power by the survivor of J. H. Linden, and his wife, and after the deaths of both of them, for the surviving trustee to appoint a new trustee or trustees. Mrs. J. H. Linden had a female child, born in the lifetime of her husband, but it was alleged that J. H. Linden was not the father. Before and since the birth of the child, Mrs. Linden cohabited with the defendant Baldwin, till the time of her death, in 1874. In 1871, after J. H. Linden's death, Mrs. Linden, under the power in the settlement, appointed the defendant Gorrick a trustee, jointly with the then surviving trustee, Andrews. Andrews died in 1873, and, after Mrs. Linden's death in 1874, Gorrick appointed Baldwin sole trustee. In a common law issue, directed and tried at last sittings, the jury found that the child was illegitimate, but a rule nisi for a new trial has since been obtained. It was understood upon the affidavits that Baldwin had been living in adultery with Mrs. Linden, or that he had been given to gambling and horse-racing, or that he was an uncertificated bankrupt; but Baldwin, in his affidavit, asserted that he had some pecuniary means. There were affidavits showing the fitness of Mr. Vaughan to be appointed receiver.

His HONOR said that the fact of a single trustee having been put in possession where two were contemplated in the settlement was quite sufficient reason to remove the acting trustee from the exercise of his trust. When he was sole trustee he might deal with the property just as he pleased, without any control or supervision. But, besides this, on the undisputed facts in the affidavits his conduct was shown to have been utterly gross and indefensible. He had been for years an adulterer, living with the wife of the man whose property was in question in this suit, and it was not denied that he had been an habitual gambler. The only question was, whether a reference should be ordered to inquire as to the fitness of the person to be appointed receiver, or whether the Court would act at once upon the evidence before it without a reference. In his Honor's opinion he had full powers to act at once, and there was ample evidence before him as to the fitness of Mr. Vaughan to justify him in doing so. As also this was not a case for delay, he would grant the motion as asked, and order Mr. Vaughan to be appointed at once.

Motion granted. Costs to be costs in the cause; proceedings to complete the order to go on in vacation.

The following judgments were delivered on Tuesday:—

IN THE MATTER OF THE INSOLVENT ESTATE OF CHURCH AND HILLS, TRADING AS "CHURCH AND HILLS."

Sir JAMES MARTIN, C.J.:

This is an application to review and set aside the allowance by the Chief Commissioner of Insolvent Estates of a proof by the Oriental Bank Corporation of a debt in the estate of Walter Marshall Church and Robert Hills, partners, trading as "Church and Hills."

The debt in respect of which this proof was allowed arose or is held to the bank, whereby Walter Scott, William Price, the said Robert Hills, the said Walter Marshall Church, and Edwin Thomas Beilby, became jointly and severally bound to the bank in the sum of £40,000.

For this payment they bound themselves and each of them, and any two, three, or four of them, and the heirs, executors, and administrators of them, and each of them, and any two, three, or four of them jointly, severally, and respectively. For the defendant it was stated that the bond was given to secure the amount of any advances by the bank to the said Walter Scott, not exceeding £20,000, with interest and costs. The five

cannot prove against the partnership estate of the firm, until the partnership debts have been satisfied.

The general rule in insolvency as to the distinction between joint estate and separate estate and their respective liability in the first instance to joint debts and separate debts, and that when there is a joint and several creditor he must make his election whether he will come upon the joint or separate estate—that is, which he will come in upon in preference, is of course not questioned. But it is contended that Church and Hills never were joint debtors in this bond, and if they were that they never were indebted as partners.

As to the first question, whether they were jointly indebted in the bond; this question must be determined by looking at their position at the time of the sequestration. By the terms of the bond the five persons make themselves jointly and severally liable in the sum of £40,000, the liability of the sureties being limited to £20,000, and for the payment of that sum they bind themselves, and any two, three, or four of them jointly, severally, and respectively. Now, whatever may be the effect of the first clause by which the five make themselves jointly and severally liable, it is clear that, whenever a default takes place, any two or three or four become at once jointly and severally liable, and may be at once sued. Such a default had taken place before the action had been commenced, and therefore before the sequestration; and by that default at all events, Church and Hills became at once jointly and severally liable to the bank. If the sequestration had not taken place, the bank might have sued them jointly or separately. And I confess I am at a loss to see why the bank, when claiming to prove against them as being jointly indebted, should be told that they are not jointly indebted, but are only severally indebted. I am of opinion, therefore, that as the joint and several liability of Church and Hills existed before and at the time of their sequestration, the bank was entitled to prove against their joint or separate estate, as it might elect.

The other question, whether the partnership property must be kept apart to meet only partnership debts, to the exclusion of joint debts that have arisen out of transactions unconnected with the partnership business, appears to me to present greater difficulty. At law such a distinction is, I should say, unknown, and it is difficult to see on what principles of equity it could be supported without leading, in some instances, to a minuteness of division of assets that would be, to say the least, very inconvenient. Such a distinction could, I think, rest only on practice and authority. But I can find no authority recognising such a practice.

In *ex parte Crossfield* 1 Deac. 405, and in *ex parte Buckingham* 1 M.D. and Deg. 235, what is very like the converse was held. In each of these cases a promissory note had been given by two for the debt of one of them, who afterwards became bankrupt, and it was held that the payee might prove against his estate, unfettered by the rule that applies in the case of partnerships, to the effect that the creditor before proving against the estate of one should show that the other was not solvent. In the first case the decision is put by one of the Judges on the ground that as in an action on the joint security the creditor might levy on the effects of either debtor, so the same principle ought to apply here. In the latter case Sir George Rose said,—"The question in these cases has been fully settled. I have always understood that the rule, which has been so much pressed upon us, only applies to the case of partners, and I think it would be mischievous to extend it to the case of cosureties." In those cases there was a joint debt, and the effect was to prevent the creditor from coming in upon the separate estate of one of the debtors; but there was, in fact, no joint estate. The cases, however, are remarkable as drawing a distinction between joint debtors as partners and joint debtors as being merely co-contractors.

Ex parte Nolte 2 Gl. and Jam. 295, was a case of several partnerships, and does not touch this question.

Ex parte Wilson, 3 M. D. and De G. 57, does not support the distinction. There was a joint and several promissory notes signed "Manby and Newton" and "Samuel Newton." "Manby and Newton" was the name of a firm of two partners, Samuel Newton was a surety. The decision of the Chief Judge V. C. Knight Bruce appears to be this, that although it might be the joint note of the three—Manby, Newton, and Samuel Newton—which was not decided, it was the joint note of "Manby and Newton," as a firm, and Samuel Newton, and the several notes only of "Manby and Newton," the firm, and of Samuel Newton; and that it was also the joint note of the individuals Manby and Newton, but not their several estate. Accordingly, upon the bankruptcy of Manby and the death of his partner, the debt was made to rank among the partnership debts, and not as a separate debt of Manby. It is thus the ordinary case of proof upon a joint note against a joint estate, no doubt of partners. But in *Ex parte Field*, lb. 95, this distinction was set up in argument, and the same eminent Judge, V. C. Knight Bruce, says that he knows of no such distinction. In this case there was a petition for proof of a debt against the separate estate of one of three joint debtors. The proof was rejected on the ground that it was due from the bankrupt not alone, but jointly with two other persons as his partners, one of whom was *still solvent*. They were in fact cocontractors. On appeal, the Chief Justice, V. C. Knight Bruce, again rejected the proof on the same ground. "It has been ingeniously argued," said the learned Chief Judge, "that the rule does not apply where the joint debtors were not all traders, subject to the bankrupt laws, or where there was no partnership between them in common, which is a restricted sense of that term; or where, from the nature of the connection between the joint debtors, there would be no joint property incident to the connection." Here we have the distinction stated in the broadest way, and the very eminent Judge adds, "I am not aware of any such limitation of the rule, and therefore I do not pronounce any opinion, whether if the rule were so limited, that would help the petitioner's case." In the absence of any knowledge of such a distinction on the part of a Judge of such experience, although the cases in *ex parte Crossfield*, and *ex parte Buckingham* had been brought to his notice, and although he was speaking in reference to one rule only in bankruptcy I think I am justified in coming to the conclusion that no such distinction can be made. I may add that in *Lindley on Partn.* 1153 (2nd edition) and 1069 (1st edition), where he speaks of the cases in which double proof is allowed, and where we might expect to find the distinction alluded to, if it existed, it is not mentioned. But in *Jarm. and Byth.*, vol. 3, p. 284, *Chap. v. Bond*, it is said: "The rule that a joint debt entails in equity a separate liability on each contractor has been supposed to be confined to mercantile debts, but there is no such limitation: every joint debt or other liability arising out of a transaction by which all the parties who are bound may be supposed to have been actuated by similar capacity is regarded in equity as joint and several." Baron Alderson's judgment in *Thorpe v. Jackson*, 2 Y. and C., 553, is then cited, in the latter part of which he says: "I conceive, therefore, that partnership trading debts are only one, and that the most frequent one of the general rule, which is, that whenever a Court of Equity sees that in a contract joint in form the intention of the parties is that it should go joint and several, it will give effect to such intention. Now, I think that a contract for a loan of money, giving to the creditors the security of several persons, is of that description."

On the whole, after much consideration, I am of opinion that Church and Hills were at the time of their sequestration jointly and severally liable on the bond to the bank, and that the bank was entitled to elect against which of the estates, the joint or separate, it would prove for the purpose of receiving a dividend, and further that it is entitled to rank with the other joint creditors against the joint estate of the insolvents, whether such joint estate be, in the strict sense, partnership estate or not.

Appeal dismissed with costs.

TEAS v. TEAS AND SMITHERS-CO-RESPONDENT.

Sir James Martin, C.J.:

In this case a petition was presented to the Court by Mr. Teas, praying for the dissolution of his marriage on the ground of the adultery of his wife with the co-respondent Smithers. The questions of fact which arose on the petition were ordered to be tried by a jury. When the suit came on for hearing, the names of eight jurors only were called over for the purpose of selecting therefrom a jury of four, when it was objected on behalf of the respondent that the jury should consist of twelve persons. That objection was overruled, and it was thereupon submitted that the respondent and co-respondent had each, as well as the petitioner, a right to strike two names from the list of jurors called. If they each struck out two names from the eight persons called two only would be left. It was then ordered by the Judge that two more persons should be called, thus increasing the list to ten, in order that each of the three parties to the suit might strike out two, and so leave four for the trial of the issues. The counsel for the respondent objected to this course, and the jury was ultimately struck by the parties, under protest from the respondent's counsel. The trial was then proceeded with, and the jury found a verdict in favour of the petitioner and awarded two thousand pounds damages against the co-respondent. A decree nisi for the dissolution of the marriage was thereupon pronounced, and an order was made for the payment by the co-respondent of the damages awarded against him. Against this verdict and finding the co-respondent has appealed, and he now asks that they may be set aside and that a new trial may be had of the questions in issue in this suit, on the grounds (1) that the jury should have consisted of twelve persons, and (2) that if it could legally consist of four persons it ought not to have been struck from ten.

It has been contended on the petitioner's behalf, that as the co-respondent's counsel did not object at the trial to the course thus pursued in reference to the striking of the jury, or object to it on the ground of its consisting of less than twelve persons, he cannot be now heard in support of the application. As according to the report of his Honor, the objections were duly made, and as there was no consent by the co-respondent to the mode in which the jury was constituted, he is not precluded from making the present application.

By the "Matrimonial Causes Act," jurisdiction is conferred on this Court to decree the dissolution of a marriage. The 6th section of the Act is as follows:—"In questions of fact arising under this Act, it shall be lawful for, but except as hereinafter provided, not obligatory upon, the Court to direct the truth thereof to be determined before itself or before any one of the Judges of this Court, by the verdict of a special or common jury." By the 28th section of the Jury Act, 11 Vict. No. 20, it is enacted that "all actions at law and all civil issues of fact in the Supreme Court" shall be tried "by a jury consisting of four persons duly qualified according to law as special jurors." By the following section it is provided that either of the parties may apply for a trial by a jury of twelve persons to be returned from the class "of special jurors or of common jurors." By the 32nd section certain days are directed to be paid in respect of each of the three kinds of jury, which are described as—"a jury of four," "a common jury of twelve men," and "a special jury of twelve men." The jury of four is thus distinguished from the common jury and the special jury, and in practice, ever since the passing of the Act, this distinction has been recognised. A special jury has always been understood to mean, like a common jury, a jury of twelve persons, and the ordinary jury has always been spoken of as a jury of four. I have no doubt that this interpretation of the Act is a correct one. By the common law all juries for the trial of issues, civil or criminal, consisted of twelve persons. Long ago the practice was established in the Courts at Westminster of ordering, on application of either party, a selection to be made from the Sheriff's book of certain jurors presumably better qualified than the general body—for the trial of any particular cause. These persons so selected were called special jurors. After the practice had grown up without legislative sanction, of making these selections, the mode of making them was regulated by statute, in England and in this colony. Provision is, for that purpose, made by our Jury Act, 11 Vic., No. 20. By reason of this practice and these statutory enactments regulating it, common juries and special juries came to be well understood designations. The jury of four authorised by our Jury Act is altogether a new thing, and cannot be accurately described as a special jury, although it is directed to be selected from the special jury list. As regards its number, it is a jury unknown to the common law, and is in our Jury Act, as I have already mentioned, distinguished from the common jury and the special jury. Inasmuch, therefore, as the 6th section of the Matrimonial Causes Act authorises only a trial by "a special or common jury," it seems to me that the trial in this case by a jury of four, which could not possibly be a special or common jury, was erroneous, and that its verdict is of no effect.

I am further of opinion that if by a special jury a jury of four persons is meant, the selecting from a list of ten, as was done in this case was illegal. By the 25th section of the Jury Act it is expressly enacted that a list shall be made of twice the number of jurors required, and from that list a fourth shall be struck by the plaintiff and a fourth by the defendant. A striking from a list of ten is therefore not in accordance with the law, and the verdict on that ground ought not, in my opinion, to stand. It may be that when the suit goes down again for trial it will be found impossible to strike a jury in accordance with the provisions of the Jury Act, and in all probability the aid of the Legislature will have to be invoked to remove the difficulties which now stand in the way of the trial of suits under the Matrimonial Causes Act.

Mr. Justice Hargrave:

This divorce case was tried before me and a jury of four, during several days in November last, at the Darlinghurst Court-house. After the cause was called on, Mr. Windeyer suggested that the jury should consist of twelve "common jurors," and read the sections of the Divorce Act, which he contended required a "common jury." I decided that the twenty special jurors had been properly summoned to try the issues in this cause, which were clearly "civil issues," the third being for damages. I then directed that the names of "ten jurors" on the panel should be taken down by the Sheriff and handed to the three parties to this cause, each of whom was to strike out two names, and thus obtain the four jurors to try the issues, under the 26th and 26th sections of the Jury Act, 11 Vic., No. 20.

Mr. Windeyer first objected to strike out the two on behalf of the respondent, but eventually did so under protest, I reserving to him all benefit of his objections both to the special panel and to the mode of striking for the four jurors to try the issues.

The cause then was duly tried: and resulted in a verdict for the petitioner upon all the issues, with £2000 damages against the co-respondent on the third issue.

This Court has now to decide both these points, as taken by Mr. Windeyer before trial. As to the first point I am quite clear that by the mere use of the words "jurors" and "jury," in the 6th, 7th, 8th, 9th, 10th, 23rd, and 26th sections of the Divorce Act, the Legislature has necessarily incorporated the Common Law of England as to juries, as altered by our colonial statute 11 Vic., No. 20, into the whole divorce jurisdiction. There cannot be the slightest doubt upon this point of reading these two Acts as *in pari materia*.

I will now consider Mr. Windeyer's first objection, which was that the jurors in divorce trials should be summoned from common jurors. I consider such a construction of the Divorce Act and Jury Act to be wholly untenable. A petition for divorce is undoubtedly in the nature of "a civil action" under the 25th section of the Jury Act, though many moralists and others think that the Legislature *should have* made adultery a *criminal* offence.

In the first place we must consider the simple divorce cases, where the wife is the *petitioner* and the husband *sole respondent*. No one can doubt that under our Divorce Act and our Jury Act read together, the petitioners who have obtained their divorce through any way in this Court since 1873 have been legally divorced: for the strict practice in "civil actions" has been followed as to those issues as to which, if they had been the respondents and had not been without a jury, no possible question can ever arise; and in the few cases of this simple class where I have had the assistance of a jury, because the circumstances were more suitable for a jury, or there was conflicting testimony, such jury has struck out two names each, and thus obtained the "four jurors" who tried the issues—as if a simple civil action between two parties.

In this view of the Divorce Act I directed the officers of the Court to summon jurors out of the list of special jurors only for all divorce matters, unless the parties had made previous applications to me, or the full Court, for a panel of common jurors, which I need scarcely say has never yet been applied for, and which must assuredly neither the petitioner nor co-respondent in the present case had applied for, though duly served with the issues on the 23rd ult., and with the order for "*trial by jury*," long before the cause came on to be tried at Darlinghurst in November last.

Mr. Windeyer's application at the opening of the Court for "common jury" cases, therefore, too late, according to the Supreme Court practice, unless this Court thinks fit to decide that the divorce trials are "criminal" matters and not "civil actions" under the 25th section of the Jury Act, in which case, of course, the objection was in good time as a matter of law.

We now come to consider Mr. Windeyer's second objection, viz., as to the mode of "striking the jury" to obtain the "four jurors" to try the issues.

So also, secondly, where the husband has been petitioner and has obtained the divorce, with his wife as *co-respondent*, on the ground of the wife's general prostitution, and therefore without any co-respondent, the list of names has been struck and the jurors obtained by the petitioner striking out two names, and the sole respondent or the registrar of the Court, on behalf of the sole respondent, striking out two others and thus an untenable result has resulted.

I may here mention that when I prepared the rules of the Divorce Court in July, 1873, when suddenly appointed Judge of this Court, I observed that the Divorce Act was very meagre and defective, as I thought, in all its administrative provisions, but I hoped that I should be able nevertheless to carry out all the intentions of the Legislature without any amending Acts. I also observed that as to "juries," I would be impossible to work the Act without the strictest incorporation of our Jury Act, 11 Vict. No. 20, and the most careful application of the directions of the Jury Act in all our divorce trials by jury, in the broadest spirit of equity and impartiality to all parties.

In my rules, therefore, as to juries I merely repeated the words of the different sections of the Act "by a jury," &c. &c., and left the working of these rules to subsequent years—having no authority to extend "rules" into "legislation."

In the third place, with reference to such cases as the present case of Teas v. Teas and Smithers, where the husband is the petitioner and the wife is respondent, and the alleged adulterer is the co-respondent; and both respondent and co-respondent on oath have denied the adultery, and each also appearing in open Court to tender their credibility to the jury and to the cross-examination of the petitioner's Counsel: now in such cases as the present there were obviously three courses open for me to pursue in striking the jury list to obtain the "four jurors" to try the issues.

Firstly,—I might direct only the usual eight names to be taken down by the Sheriff as in the simple cases already considered; and this list of eight to be handed down to the parties, two to be struck out by the petitioner, which was his clear statutory right under the 26th section of our Jury Act, leaving the respondent to strike out the others, and thus I should obtain the "four jurors" to try the issues; but as this would exclude the co-respondent altogether from striking out any names at all, and thus checking the jury list, and as this right was perfectly equal to the petitioner's or the other respondent's right to strike out, I dismissed this first idea altogether from my mind as most unjust and inequitable, and therefore impossible to adopt.

The second course which was open to me was to allow the petitioner to strike out his two names, and then allow the respondent and co-respondent each to strike *one* name out of the remaining six jurors of the eight, and thus obtain the four "jurors" to try the issues. But this course seemed to me equally unjust and inequitable, for each respondent ought to have, and under the equitable principles of our jury system had, as much right as the petitioner to strike *two* names and not *one* name out; and I saw no reason to deprive either respondent and co-respondent of half his or her right by allowing him and her to strike outonce.

These two courses therefore, either of giving the whole right of striking out he two names to the respondent alone, or of giving only onename each to the respondent and co-respondent, being altogether untenable, were from the first consideration of this matter altogether rejected by me; and I think must be rejected by every one else, whether lawyer or not, as being contrary to the great object of the jury system, in obtaining an *impartial jury* to try "the issues between the parties."

But if the cases of petitioner and respondent and co-respondent were to be "tried by jury" at all under our Jury Law, what course remained for me except the very simple direction I have to the Sheriff to make a jury list of ten names by adding two more names to the usual eight, and then allow each of the three parties to strike out two names, and thus obtain "the four jurors to try the issues." No one of the parties could object to his *countrement* of their "choice" of jurors to try, and no one of the *parties* could object to my thus obtaining the perfect equality of all the *three* parties, in respect of the "striking out two names by *each* party." In fact, from whatever point of view I considered the difficulty, it seemed to me that this third course was strictly within all the letter of our Jury Act, and this course was most assuredly within the spirit of that Act, and the spirit of all our Common Law as to juries as applied to this quality of divorce action; which must be quite an equilateral and *impartial* jury, in every step towards obtaining a verdict of any value.

For the reasons I think that I was perfectly right in all I did at this trial to prevent either a failure of justice altogether by the respondent and co-respondent, having no jury at all, which would be illegal under the 26th section of the Divorce Act, or, on the other hand, by striking the jury out of eight alone I should have been acting most unjustly both to respondent and to the co-respondent.

I might add many other reasons for the course I adopted to "prevent a failure of justice" in this case; but I think I have said enough to show that this rule nisi should be discharged with costs.

Mr. Justice Faucett:

As matrimonial causes are by the Divorce Act brought within the jurisdiction of the Supreme Court, and as the new Court is in fact made a branch of the general Court, I am quite of opinion that we ought to construe any terms used in the Act in the same manner as we would construe the same terms if used in reference to any other branch of our jurisdiction. If in s. 6 the word "jury" alone had been used, as in s. 30, part of the present difficulty could not, I think, arise, because we might then simply apply the provisoids of our Jury Act, 11 Vic., No. 20. But in s. 6 the expressions "special jury" and "common jury" have been used; and in trying to ascertain their meaning I see no reason why we should go back to the common law; and, indeed, if we did, I do not think we would derive much assistance. Special juries and common juries are by those names equally unknown to the common law. The only juries known in the earliest times are grand juries and petty juries, the latter of which consisted of twelve persons. But by the statute 3 G. 2 c. 25, "special juries" are recognised as having been long in use. See Forsyth's Tr. by Jury, p. 8, s. 2. Such juries consisted of twelve persons. And, no doubt, in contrast to these the expression "common jury" came into use.

But with us these expressions can only be construed in reference to our Jury Act. Under s. 20 of that Act we have juries of four persons selected from the class of special jurors, but we have no provision for selecting a jury of four from the class of common jurors. "common jury," therefore, cannot mean a jury of four; it can only mean a jury of twelve persons selected from the class of common jurors. This will appear by a reference to s. 23 of the Act where the expression is used, as we also read the expressions, "special jury of twelve," and "jury of four." And as the word "jury" cannot have two different meanings in s. 6, "special jury" in that section must only mean a jury of twelve selected from the class of special jurors. If it were not for s. 6 I would see no difficulty in construing the word "jury" in s. 30, as meaning a jury of four or twelve, as might be ordered.

As to the second objection, there is no authority for the course pursued, that of the parties striking a jury of four out of ten names. It is contrary to the provisions of s. 25 and s. 26 of the Jury Act. This course was no doubt taken entirely from equitable considerations, and if not objected to might be treated as a mere irregularity. But his Honor reports to us that the objection was clearly taken, and that Mr. Windeyer went on under protest; and his Honor reserved both points. Under these circumstances I can only hold that the course taken is not authorised by the Jury Act and is not provided for by the Divorce Act; and that consequently there has been a mistrial, and that the verdict ought to be set aside.

The Divorce Act is evidently defective as to the mode of striking a jury.

Verdict and findings set aside, and new trial granted without costs.

THE SCOTTISH AUSTRALIAN MINING COMPANY (LIMITED) v. GARRETT AND ANOTHER.

Sir James Martin, C.J.:

By the Act of Council, 4 William IV., No 11, passed in 1833, after reciting the expediency of making, altering, and improving the roads of the colony, power was given to the Governor and Executive Council, whenever they might deem it expedient to open and make a road *in any part of the colony*; to give notice in the *Government Gazette*, setting forth the extent and direction of the said road. The Governor and Council were then authorised, after considering any objections to the proposed line of road, to alter, confirm it, and thereupon by notice in the *Government Gazette* to declare the expediency of making the road according to a map or plan to be seen in the office of the Surveyor-General. It was then enacted as follows:—"And it shall and may be lawful to open and make such road over the *freehold and lease lands* in the *said colony*, whether such lands be waste or cultivated, unless the same shall either be fenced such notice be enclosed by a stone or brick wall or actual use as a garden, churchyard, or cemetery, or as an avenue, planted walk, or lawn, or as a yard, garden, or orchard, or enclosed and planted as an ornament or shelter to a house, or planted and set apart as a nursery for trees, or situated within two hundred yards of any mansion house, being the principal house on such land, or enclosed for the purpose of carrying on any manufactory." By a private Act, passed in 1862, it was recited in the preamble that Robert Archibald Aitken Morehead and Matthew Young, therein designated proprietors, had opened a coal mine and established a colliery on land near Newcastle, and at considerable expense of constructing a railway from the said mine to the Great Northern Railway, but that, as the proposed railway was intended to pass through private and Crown lands, it could not be made without legislative authority; it was further recited that the said colliery was likely to prove beneficial to the colony, and that it was therefore desirable to authorise by legislative enactment the construction of the said railway upon payment of compensation to the parties through whose lands it might pass. It was then enacted that it should be "lawful for the proprietors to construct and make a railway from the eastern boundary of land owned by them in the Crown, and passing in a northerly direction through Crown land known as the Newcastle Town Lands or Reserve; thence, through other Crown lands reserved for sale in allotments; thence, through land sold by the Crown to the late Henry Dangar, and now in the occupation or belonging to his representatives to the Great Northern Railway, intersecting the same at a point terminating two miles seventy-eight chains, or thereabouts, from the city of Newcastle, and at such terminating point to form a junction between the said line and the said Northern Railway." That followed a provision that the railway was to be constructed in five years and in a workmanlike manner. It was further enacted that the land taken by the promoters should vest in them, but that they should have no further right to the soil beneath the surface than should be requisite for the formation and repair of the railway; and also, that the promoters should at all times submit to the satisfaction of the Minister for Lands, upon communication for the passage of cattle and other stock between the portions of the Newcastle town commons severed by the railway. By the 15th section of the Act, it is enacted that "if the railway crosses any public highway or parish road on a level, the promoters shall erect, and at all times maintain, good and sufficient gates across such road on each side of the railway, where the same shall cross the same, and such gates shall be constantly kept closed across such roads, except during the time when horses, cattle, carriages passing along the same shall have to cross such gates, and such gates *shall* be of such dimensions as when closed to fence in the railway and prevent cattle or horses passing along the road from entering on the railway, and the person entrusted with such gates *shall* cause the same to be opened to allow such horses and cattle, carts, or carriages to pass through the same, under a penalty of 40s. for every default therein, provided always that it shall be lawful for the Secretary for Public Works in any case in which he shall be satisfied that it will be more conducive to the public safety that the gate on any level crossing over any such road shall be kept closed across the railway, to order that such gates shall be kept closed instead of across the road in such cases such gates shall be kept constantly closed across the railway, except when engines or carriages shall be passing along the railway, and shall have set up a proper road in the same manner and under the like penalty as above directed with respect to the gates being kept closed across the road."

In the first place I must point out that this 15th section of the plaintiffs' Act almost coincides with the 46th section of the old Sydney Railway Act, 13th Vic. (1849) exactly with the 122nd section of the Hunter River Railway Act, 17th Vic. (1853); exactly with the 5th section of the Mirrul and Bexley Railway Act, 18th Vic. (1854); exactly with the 8th section of the Mount Kembla Tramway Act, 23rd Vic. (1860); exactly with the 11th section of the Bulli Company's Railway Act, 26th Vic. (1862); all passed before Morehead and Young's Railway Act (1862); also exactly with the 6th section of the Mount Pleasant Tramway Act, 26th Vic. (1862); exactly with the 11th section of Taylor and Walker's Railway Act, 26 Vic. (1862); exactly with the 17th section of the recently passed Deniliquin and Moama Railway Act, 37th Vic. (1874). It must be obvious, therefore, that a large and wide monopoly would be granted to all these railways, if this 15th section of the plaintiffs' Act is to be confirmed by this Court as applying only to existing roads at the date of the several Railway Acts; and that we should be excluding the Government and Executive Council from proclaiming under the General Roads Act, all necessary roads for public accommodation wherever they came across "any railway or tramway." We should also, in fact, be repealing the General Road Act, so far as applicable to any road district by this colony so far as traversed by any private railway.

It is also observable that all these colonial railway Acts appear to have adopted this necessary provision from the English Highway Act, 5 and 6 Will. 4, c. 50, sect. 7, 1835), which was afterwards amended by 7 and 8 Vic. c. 15 (1842), and lastly enacted for general laws in England in the exact words under consideration, as the 47th section of the Railway Clauses Consolidation Act, 8 Vic., c. 20 (1845), exactly corresponding with the 15th section of the plaintiffs' Act, except giving the power of permitting the gates to be *across the road*, instead of *across the railway*, to be "Board of Trade," or, as in our colony, either to the "Inspector of Railways," or now to the "Secretary for Public Works" or "Commissioner of Railways."

Upon a careful consideration of all these sections of the English and colonial legislation on this important matter, and also upon the strictest construction of the words of the plaintiffs' Act, now before us, I am quite clear that there is not the slightest ground for the plaintiffs' argument. The plaintiffs are clearly bound to "erect and at all times maintain good and sufficient gates across this new road as already proclaimed, and on each side of the railway where the same *shall* cross the same therewith, and *shall* employ proper persons to open and shut such gates, and shall constantly keep such gates *shall* be constantly closed across such roads on both sides of the railway, except during the time when horses, cattle, carts, carriages passing along the same shall have to cross such gateways, and such gates *shall* be of such dimensions and so constructed as when closed to fence in the railway and prevent cattle or horses passing along the road from entering on the railway, and the person entrusted with such gates *shall* cause the same to be opened to allow such horses and cattle, carts, or carriages to pass through the same, under a penalty of 40s. for every default therein, provided always that it shall be lawful for the Secretary for Public Works in any case in which he shall be satisfied that it will be more conducive to the public safety that the gate on any level crossing over any such road shall be kept closed across the railway, to order that such gates shall be kept closed instead of across the road in such cases such gates shall be kept constantly closed across the railway, except when engines or carriages shall be passing along the railway, and shall have set up a proper road in the same manner and under the like penalty as above directed with respect to the gates being kept closed across the road."

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Any different construction of this 15th section, as contained in all the English Acts from 1835 to 1845, and in all our colonial Acts from 1849 to 1854, would lead to inextricable confusion and endless litigation, and is without the slightest foundation upon any words of the General Roads Act, or any words of the plaintiffs' Act.

As for the reference made to the 5th and 6th sections of plaintiffs' Act, which give a special power to "divert or alter" existing "roads," these sections have nothing to do with the question before the Court as to the 15th section of the Act relating to the general duties of the company with reference to all roads duly proclaimed under the General Roads Act crossing the railway on a level, and coming up to the railway fence, as is admitted "in due course of law," and to be perfectly legal as to all other lands and persons outside the railway fence. The 5th and 6th sections are, therefore, no restraint upon the general words of the 15th section.

Moreover, as the Governor and Executive Council have duly considered and decided against the "objections or suggestions," submitted by the company to that *sole jurisdiction* in these matters under the Roads Act, it seems to me that except as to the dry matter of law upon the construction of the 15th section of the plaintiffs' Act, the 5th and 6th section really have, and can have, nothing to do with the matter.

As to the construction of this 15th section of the plaintiffs' Act there is also a second and most complete answer from the Acts Shortening Act, 1852, to this suggestion that the Railway Acts only apply to "existing roads"

The 10th section of the Acts Shortening Act is as follows:—"Whenever power shall be given to do, perform, or submit to any act, matter, or thing, *such power shall be capable of being exercised from time to time as occasion may require unless the nature of the thing or the words used shall indicate a contrary intention.*

This section therefore plainly extends to all the acting clauses of the plaintiffs' Act to all future roads "as occasion may require."

I feel myself compelled also to observe that this application is in all respects contrary to all my ideas of Constitutional law, the whole question before us being merely a question of discretion in the Government, *i. e.*, in the Governor and Executive Council.

The arguments of the plaintiffs' counsel as to the responsible Ministers of the Crown, who are required by law to sit within Houses of Legislature, and are there ready to answer all wrong ful exercise of their discretion, whether under the Roads Act or any other of their Ministerial functions, being, as we are noted, a mere "delegated body," like the English Board of Trade, or the Quarter Sessions, is wholly untenable, and although it has been listened to in this case, this practice would open the door to infinite litigation against every Minister of the Crown in any department of our Colonial Government, overwhelming our Courts with most intricate waste of time, whenever the Constitutional authorities have duly inquired into all the law and merits of the grievance complained of.

In the present case, the Minister for Lands and his officer, the District Surveyor of the Newcastle roads, have been most ostentatiously brought into this Court in their official capacity alone, and restrained by the rule nisi for this injunction from carrying on the Government of the colony, while thus acting in their official capacity. The Minister for Lands has been thus required by this Court to answer before his Judges for his official conduct as a Minister of the Crown, and in no other character whatever. The Constitution of this colony, like all other colonies with any power of responsible government, has established among us a permanent and public tribunal, to which the Minister for Lands, and all other responsible Ministers, must answer for all their Ministerial conduct—at his place in Parliament, and at a single day's notice, any member of either House of Parliament, and without one shilling's expenditure in this Supreme Court. In my opinion the present rule nisi is a most dangerous experiment, and is full of Constitutional dangers, not the least of which dangers is that such motions may, quite unnecessarily, disturb the harmonious action between her Majesty's Judges on this Bench and her Ministers in Parliament.

I deeply regret, therefore, that this rule was ever granted by this Court.

In my opinion, this rule nisi ought to be discharged, with costs.

I would only further add it is still quite open to the company to petition either House of Parliament for a reconsideration of the whole question, when their petition will probably be referred to a select committee, if either House think there is the least ground for questioning the action of the Governor and the Executive Council in this matter, and in my opinion this was the plaintiffs' only proper course, and they never should have come before this Court.

Mr. Justice Faucett:

I have given this case much consideration, and it is with considerable hesitation that I have been able to arrive at the conclusion to which I have finally come.

It is almost impossible to conceive that any words could be further or more distinct powers than the Roads Act (W. 4, No. 11, gives to the Governor and the Executive Council. Whenever it may be deemed expedient to open and make a road in any part of the colony, notice shall be given in the *Government Gazette*, which notice shall set forth generally the extent and direction of the intended road and other particulars, and shall refer to a survey and map, and shall call upon all persons interested to set forth in writing any well-founded objections. After any objections that may have been considered by the Governor and Executive Council, the road may be proclaimed; and then it shall be lawful to open and make such road "through any land over in the said colony, whether such land be waste or cultivated, unless the same shall at the time of such notice be enclosed by a stone or brick wall, or shall be in actual use as a garden, churchyard, or cemetery, &c. And by section 2 of the Act, 25 perches large but necessary powers are given to the Surveyor-General. Amongst other things, he may cut and make drains or ditches for carrying off water from the road. And finally, the road becomes a public road open to the public at all times.

It is quite clear that these powers, if fully carried out, would seriously impede the plaintiffs in using their railway. The unrestricted use of a public road across the line, and still more, the making of a drain along such road and across the line would make it not only dangerous, but utterly impossible, for the plaintiffs to work their line.

On the other hand the railway is made under the authority of an Act of Parliament, and passes not only through the private lands of the promoters, and the private lands of other proprietors, who of course receive compensation, but also through Crown lands; and by section 3 of the Act the railway and locomotives shall be open to the public on payment of a fixed toll. The Act contains large provisions with respect to roads in existence at the time the line was being constructed. It also contains a provision for keeping open proper communications for the passage of live stock between the portions of the Newcastle town commons severed by the railway. But it contains no express provision as to any roads that the Governor and Executive Council might deem it expedient to make, under the authority of 4 W. IV., No 11. And we are now asked to say that, so far as the railway is concerned, that Act is repealed, and that the public Act must give way to the railway Act.

Now I quite agree with the statement that the Legislature, when passing this Railway Act, must have had the Roads Act within their view. The provisions as to roads across the railway, and as to keeping open proper communications between the several portions of the reserve show that the public interests were considered. But the inference I draw is that the omission to provide expressly as to future roads was intentional, and shows that the Legislature did not intend to interfere, as against the public, with the operation of this very beneficial Act.

The case of the *London and Blackwall Railway Co. v. the Board of Works of the Limehouse district*, 2 L. J., ch. 164, appears to me to have proceeded on the ground that the company, although making a railway chiefly on their own ground, had other special powers given them to enable them to accommodate the public. Other similar cases appear to have proceeded on the same ground. And I thought for some time that the case of the plaintiffs' might be sustained on that ground. The right given by s. 3 to the public to use the railway, and the circumstance that the railway passed through Crown lands, seemed to me for some time to give the railway a public character, which might bring it within the principle of the case of the London and Blackwall Railway Co. But on further consideration, I am of opinion that the Plaintiffs' Act, although called a Railway Act, is essentially a private Act, and for the benefit of the promoters.

It may be—and I am so disposed to think—that sections 9 and 10 of the Railway Act are applicable to new roads proclaimed under the Roads Act, as well as to existing roads.

On the whole, I am not prepared to dissent from the view which their Honors have taken.

Rule discharged with costs.

METROPOLITAN DISTRICT COURT.

THURSDAY.

Before his Honor Mr. District Court Judge Dowling, and a Jury of Four.

CURRAN v. WARDEN.

This case was an issue from the Supreme Court, and plaintiff, John Joseph Curran claimed £100 for goods sold and delivered to defendant, John R. Warden. The defence was not indebted. A verdict for £62 1s. 5d. was given for the plaintiff.

The Court then adjourned till to-morrow (Friday).

INSOLVENCY COURT.

THURSDAY.

Before the Chief Commissioner.

Accounts current and plans of distribution were confirmed as follows:—Estate of Edwin Thomas Beilby and Walter Scott, trading as Beilby and Scott (No. 12,407), a first plan, dividend 1s. per £ on proved concurrent debts, and payment in full of preferent debts. Estate of William Matthews (No. 12,502), 20s. per £ upon all proved concurrent debts. Estate of Joseph William Mitchell, a second account and first plan, dividend 4 3-16d in the £. Estate of Owen Smyth and Francis M'Mahon, trading as Smyth and M'Mahon (No. 12,419), a first plan of joint estate, dividend 2s. 1d. in the £ on concurrent debts; and in the separate estate of Owen Smyth, an additional current only, showing the disposal of realized assets. Estate of Robert Shepley Randerson (No. 12,429), dividend of half-penny per £ on proved concurrent debts, and payment in full of preferent debts. Estate of Daniel Macnamie (No. 12,463), an equalising dividend of 5s.

SHIPPING.

ARRIVALS.—DECEMBER 23.

Alexandra (s.), 425 tons, Captain Stuart, from Brisbane 21st instant. Passengers—Mrs Wertman Mrs. Stephenson, Mrs. Mostwich, Mrs. Westaway, Miss Westaway, Messrs. W. C. Wilson, W Chilling worth, A. N. M'Donald, T. Fitzpatrick, R. Legure, W. Briggs, Oscar Ie-Seine, W. Robertson, C. Cramps, J. Hobbs, A. S. Stephenson, A. Hogan, S. Blue, A. W. Sutton, S. Boyd, P. M'Pherson, L. S. Waller, Master M'Alister, and 38 in the steerage. A. S. N. Co., agents.

New England (s.), 153 tons, Captain Quayle, from Clarence River the 22rd instant. Passengers—Mr. and Mrs. T. Fisher, Messrs. P. Baynes, Perigo, Rooke, Slaughter, Kean, and 30 in the steerage. C. and N. E. Co., agents.

Ballina (s.), 360 tons, Captain Bedford, from the Macleay River. Passengers—Messrs. Marsha l, Madden, Chapman, Eaton, and 11 in the steerage. C. and R. R. Co., agents.

Falcon, barque, 340 tons, Captain Bendall, from Wanganui 14th instant, in ballast. Passengers—Mr and Mrs. Ivison, Mr. and Mrs. Buckman and child. Captain, agent.

Macedon (s.), 532 tons, Captain Clark, from Melbourne 20th instant. Passengers—Mrs. Chundleigh, Mrs. Burgess, Mrs. Lawrence, Mrs. F. J. Thomas, Mrs. A. Hayes, Mrs. G. White, Mrs. Coleman and child, Mrs. Davis, Mrs. Leburn and child, Mrs. T. Taylor and servant, Mrs. Cowper, Miss Jones, Miss Hebblethwaite, Miss Steel, Dr. Good, Messrs. T. Tayler, G. White, A. Hayes, F. J. Thomas, Gardiner, Gray, H. B. Cotton, H. Coleman, J. Rice, H. Williams, R. Curtis, A. Williams, E. Haler, C. A. Stewart, A. B. Bennett, H. E. Mills, A. F. Chamien, G. Podmore, J. P. Moody, and 45 in the steerage. M. S. S. Co., agents.

DECEMBER 24.

Diamantina (s.), 219 tons, Captain Hersee, from the Manning River 23rd instant. Passengers—Miss M'Cabe, Miss Poole, Miss Allen, Miss Mather, Messrs. S. A. Eggins, H. Eggins, Ducker, Vernon, Fenn, Smith, Smyth, Fagan, and 6 in the steerage. J. Graham, agent.

DEPARTURE.—DECEMBER 23.

Forget-me-Not, for Petropaulovski.

PROJECTED DEPARTURES.—DECEMBER 24.

Anita, for Tahiti; La Paix, for Callao; Sir John Lawrence, British Sceptre, for London; Hattie G. Hall, for Galle; Alden Besse, for Newcastle; Isabella, for Shoalhaven; Spirit of the South, for Adelaide; Dandenong (s.), for Melbourne.

CLEARANCES.—DECEMBER 23.

Hattie G. Hall, barque, 594 tons, Captain Carter, for Galle.

Alden Besse, barque, 342 tons, Captain Noyes, for Hongkong via Newcastle.

Isabelle, schooner, 129 tons, Captain Weiss, for Melbourne via Shoalhaven, in ballast.

Spirit of the South, barque, 517 tons, Captain Durant, for Adelaide, in ballast.

British Sceptre, ship, 1436 tons, Captain Jahnke, for London.

COASTERS INWARDS.—DECEMBER 23.

Mary Ann Christina, from Clyde River, with 20,000 feet timber, 20,000 lbs. Planet, Zoe, from Jervis Bay, with 66 logs hardwood, 1000 palings, 550 posts and rails; Star of Peace, from Bellinger River, with 34,000 feet cedar, 200 staves; Pearl, Brothers, from Broken Bay, with 24 tons firewood, 700 baskets shells; William and Alexander, from Jervis Bay, with 36 logs timber; Little Pet, Tasmania, from Wollongong, with 540 tons coal; Marie, Mackworth, Alert, from Newcastle, with 910 tons coal; Kembla (s.), from Newcastle, with 53 bags potatoes, 5 casks old iron, 10 tons tin, 30 bags potatoes, 70 packages poultry, and sundries; City of Newcastle (s.), from the Hunter River, with 81 bales wool, 96 bales hay, 79 bags tin ore, 126 bags potatoes, 38 bags onions, 36 bags wheat, 10 bags bone dust, 100 bags coke, 28 bags oysters, 9 coops poultry, 8 packages wine, 43 hides, 75 lambs, 1 horse, 10 cases eggs, 3 calves, 10 pigs, and sundries; Coonanbara (s.), from the Hunter River, with 200 bales wool, 130 bales hay, 90 bags onions, 60 bags potatoes, 40 bags barley, 10 casks colonial wine, 90 hides, 4 bundles skins, 20 pigs, 4 coops fowls, 6 cases eggs, 1 cow, 7 horses, 3 tons copper, and sundries.

COASTERS OUTWARDS.—DECEMBER 23.

Tasmania, Marie, Alert, for Newcastle; Brothers, Pearl, for Broken Bay; Star of the Sea, for Bellinger River; William and Alexander, Planet, Zoe, for Jervis Bay; Little Pet, for Wollongong.

IMPORTS.—DECEMBER 21.

[A special charge is made for consignees' announcements inserted in this column.]

Macedon (s.), from Melbourne: 114 bags potatoes, 70 half-chests tea, 7 packages merchandise, 9 cases biscuits, 31 bags peas, 100 boxes soap, 8 bundles spades, 5 cases plate glass, 3 cases, 15 cases oleine, 2 cases 14 bags potatoes, 1 case sausages, 10 coils lead pipe, 6 cases milk, 10 barrels pork, 844 bags potatoes, 31 bags onions, 33 bags potatoes, 340 cases soap, 50 bags chaff, 66 bags peas, 1 case cheese, 6 parcels 17 crates vegetables, 695 cases fruit.

Alexandra (s.), from Brisbane: 90 bales wool, 70 oz. gold, 580 bags tin ore, 77 bags potatoes, 9 bags oysters, 13 hogsheads molasses, 10 cases arrowroot, 7 cases fruit, 5 packages furniture, 2 casks plants, and 50 packages sundries.

Ex Nineveh: 11 cases ladies' costumes, muslins, quilts, and general drapery—Riley, Brothers.

Ex Nineveh: 180 packages hardware and general merchandise—S. Hoffnung and Co.

Ex Northampton: 4 cases Horrockses' calicoes and sheetings—Riley, Brothers.

Ex Northampton: 25 packages fancy goods and general merchandise—S. Hoffnung and Co.

Ex Kirkwood: 40 bales cotton waste; 10 casks horsehair—S. Hoffnung.

EXPORTS.—DECEMBER 23.

Governor Blackall (s.), for Brisbane: 369 packages wines and spirits, 25 bundles wire, 46 boxes candles, 14 packages tea, 43 kegs butter, 285 cases fruit, 854 packages sundries, and a quantity of general merchandise from Melbourne.

H. G. Hall, for Galle: 800 tons coal.

Alden Besse, for Hongkong via Newcastle: 76 packages horse shoes, 24 bundles iron springs, 10 packages files, 105 packages sold iron, 230 packages glass, 5 cases brass, 3500 bricks, 3 anvils.

British Sceptre, for London: 4518 bales wool, 97 bales cotton, 60 bales rags, 8707 cakes 1480 ingots copper, 318 casks tallow, 3369 hides, 74 tons and 242 bags copra, 139 bags nickel ore, 111 hogsheads rum, 50 tons shale, 7 cases pearlshell, 80 bales leather, 75 cases glue, 9000 horns, 4 tons hoofs, 8 tons bones, 9 bales basils, 11 packages sundries.

SHIPS' MAILS.

Mails will close at the General Post Office as follows:—

For Melbourne, Adelaide, Hobart Town, and Launceston.—By the Dandenong (s.), this day, at 11 a.m.

For Brisbane and Northern Ports.—By the Lady Bowen (s.), this day, at 3 p.m.

For Norfolk Island.—By the Rover, this day, at 4 p.m.

For Melbourne, India, United Kingdom, and Continent of Europe.—By the Ellora (s.), on Saturday, at 8 p.m.

For Adelaide.—By the Ellora (s.), on Saturday, at 8 p.m.

For Perth, Western Australia.—By the Ellora (s.), on Saturday, at 8 p.m.

For Hobart Town and Launceston.—By the Ellora (s.), on Saturday, at 8 p.m.

NOTICE.—DISPATCH OF MAILS VIA GALLE, PER SUMATRA, FROM MELBOURNE.

Mails containing letters, packets, and newspapers, specially marked "via Galle," will be made up at this office, and forwarded per Ellora (s.) to Melbourne, on the 25th instant. Mails will close as follows:—Registered letters at 6 p.m.; unregistered letters at 8 p.m.; newspapers and packets at 8 p.m.

General Post Office, Sydney, 21st December, 1875.

CUSTOM-HOUSE.—Entered Outwards, December 23: Spirit of the South, barque, 517 tons, Captain Durant, for Adelaide; Bowen (s.), 864 tons, Captain Park, for Hongkong, Batavia, and Singapore; Alden Besse, barque, 342 tons, Captain Noyes, for Hongkong, via Newcastle; Lady Bowen (s.), 442 tons, Captain Cottier, for Brisbane; Maryborough, and Rockhampton; Ellora (s.), 1295 tons, Captain Stead, for Melbourne; Isabelle, brig, 129 tons, Captain Weiss, for Melbourne via Shoalhaven.

The barque Falcon, from New Zealand, has come into this port seeking. She sailed from Wanganui on the 14th instant, and has had very light variable winds and calms throughout. The weather has varied from N.W. to E.S.E. She further reports that the schooner Frank Guy, of Sydney, left in company and was last seen off Cape Egmont on the 15th instant. Both the latter vessel and the Falcon have been detained in the Wanganui 15 days from heavy floods.

The s.s. Macedon cleared Port Phillip Heads at 11 p.m. on the 20th instant, passed Wilson's Promontory at 9 a.m. 21st instant; Gabo Island at noon on the 22nd, and arrived at Sydney at 3.30 p.m. on the 23rd December. She experienced strong N.E. winds and sea during the passage.

The Ballina (s.), from the Macleay River, brings the following cargo: 466 bags maize, 10 coops fowls, 715 bags onions, 9 pigs, and sundries.

The Alexandra (s.) cleared Cape Moreton at 7.45 p.m. on the 21st instant, passed Smoky Cape at 9.15 p.m. on the 22nd, and entered Port Jackson Heads at 3.50 p.m. on the 23rd. Experienced strong head winds with heavy S.E. swell and squally weather with heavy rain at times to the North Solitary Islands and light variable winds and fine weather during the remainder of the passage. Passed the Governor Blackall (s.) at 7 a.m. on the 23rd, five miles north of Seal Rock Point, bound north.

The following is a list of passengers per R. M. S. Ellora:—For Southampton: Mrs. Julian E. Salamons 2 children and servant, Mr. John Egremont, Mrs. and Miss Tracey. For Venice: Mrs. Laycock, Miss Towns, Mrs. Theobald, Mr. J. Broad. For Brindisi: Mr. George P. Hardy, Mr. William Briggs. For Madras: Rev. S. Percival and Mrs. Percival, the Misses Percival (3) and 4 children. For Galle: Monsieur L. Barnard. For King George's Sound: Mrs. John Sutton. For Adelaide: Mr. Julian E. Salamons. For Melbourne: Mr. and Mrs. Alger, Mr. Allen, Mr. Wilkinson, Miss Rose, Mr. Allport, Mr. Alexander Wilson, Mr. J. B. Smith, Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Suttor, Mr. George Knox, Mr. and Mrs. E. Butler, the Hon. T. Garrett, Mr. and Mrs. Langloh Parker, Mr. Broad, Mr. E. Dalrimrey, Mr. M'Millan.

The New England (s.) crossed the Clarence bar on Wednesday, 22nd, at 4 p.m., and arrived in Sydney on Thursday, 23rd, at 8.30 p.m. Experienced fresh southerly wind to Smoky Cape, from thence to Sydney moderate variable breezes and fine weather. Passed the Platypus (s.) on Thursday, 23rd, at 9 a.m., and Diamantina (s.), off Cape Hawke, and Arnee Irving (s.), on Wednesday, 22nd, at midnight, off Smoky Cape. Cargo: 1400 bags tin ore, 73 bales wool, 238 bags maize, 254 cases preserved meat, 226 bags bones and horns, 38 hides, 56 bags sugar, 2 casks tallow, 8 bags potatoes, 8 cases eggs, 100 bunches bananas, 4 coops poultry, and sundries.

NOTICE TO MARINERS.—ROCK CUMBERLAND ISLANDS.—Mr. Harry Kennard, master of the brig Rebecca Jane, reports having passed a small pinnacle rock awash at about three-quarter ebb, in the following position, viz:—Small island off east end of Thomas Island, north ¾ west. Northernmost island of north-west portion of Sir James Smith's group, south-west ¾ west.—Department of Ports and Harbors, Brisbane, December 17, 1875.

The Diamantina (s.) crossed the Manning Bar at 5.30 a.m. the 23rd instant; had light variable winds and smooth sea to Port Stephens, thence to Sydney fresh north-east winds and fine weather, arriving at the Company's wharf at 3.30 a.m. the 24th instant. When the steamer left, the schooner Clara Crawford was up the river, and the Maggie Gollan, Anne Cochrane, Pomona, and Oberon were lying at the bar ready for sea. Passed the steamers Governor Blackall and Platypus in the Manning Sight, both bound north.

NEWCASTLE.

ARRIVAL.

December 21.—Dandenong (s.), Stanford, from Sydney.

DEPARTURE.

December 22.—Elm Grove, barque, Leddra, for Auckland, with 896 tons coal.

COASTERS INWARDS.

December 22.—Civility (s.); City of Hobart (s.), from Sydney.

MELBOURNE.

ARRIVALS.

December 17.—Catherine Jane, Sarah Ann, from Newcastle.

December 18.—Alcandra, Narranslede, from Newcastle.

December 19.—Albanbra (s.), from New Zealand; Cashna, Palace, from Newcastle.

DEPARTURES.

December 16.—Retriever, for Sydney; Matilde, for Mauritius; Springbok, Thures, Sparrowhawk, Sea Nymph, William Phillips, for Newcastle; Ringarooma (s.), for New Zealand.

December 19.—Latchkea, H. M. S. Pearl, for Sydney; Clara Hargreaves, for Newcastle.

[BY ELECTRIC TELEGRAPH.]

MELBOURNE.

ARRIVALS.

December 22.—Barrabool (s.), from Sydney.

December 23.—Somerset (s.), from Sydney.

DEPARTURES.

December 22.—Sapphire, Catherine Jane, Adelina Burk, Merchant, for Newcastle; City of Brisbane (s.), for Sydney, Benmore, for London.

ADELAIDE.

ARRIVALS.

December 22.—Niagara, from Sydney; Westeria, from Newcastle.

December 21.—Southern Belle, Kebroyd, from Newcastle.

CLARENCE RIVER.

ARRIVAL.

December 23.—Agnes Irving (s.), from Sydney.

SYDNEY HEADS.

DATE.	TIME.	WIND.	WEATHER.
Dec 23.	8.30 a.m. Noon. 5 p.m.	N.E. E.N.E. N.E.	Fresh and fine. Ditto and ditto.

WINDS AND WEATHER—DECEMBER 23.

QUEENSLAND.—9 A.M.

Normanton—NE.	Cloudy	Gladstone—Calm.	Fine
Gilbert Town—NE.	Cloudy	Rockhampton—SE.	Fine
Etheridge—SE.	Cloudy	Maryborough—SE.	Cloudy
Cardwell—Calm.	Fine	Roma—SE.	Fine
Townsville—Calm.	Cloudy	Taroom—N.	Fine
Bowen—S.	Fine	Cape Moreton—SE	Fine
Mackay—SE.	Raining	Brisbane—SE.	Fine
Copperfield—S.	Cloudy	Toowoomba—SE.	Fine
Clermont—Calm.	Cloudy	Warwick—SE.	Fine.

N. S. WALES.	9 A.M.	3 P.M.
Tenterfield	SE. Fine	W. Fine
Casino	Calm. Fine	SE. Cloudy
Ballina	S., light. Cloudy	SE., light. Fine
Grafton	SE. Dull	NE. Cloudy
Clarence Heads	SW., light. Fine	NE., fresh. Fine
Glen Innes	Calm. Fine	Calm. Close
Inverell	Calm. Fine	NW. Fine
Warialda	Calm. Fine	Calm. Fine
Big Jacks	Calm. Fine	Calm. Cloudy
Port Macquarie	W. Fine, sea smooth	NE. Fine
West Kempsey	NE. Fine	NE. Fine
Armidale	E. Fine	SW. Cloudy
Tamworth	Calm. Fine	W. Fine
Gunnedah	Calm. Fine	SW. Fine
Bogan Port	Calm. Fine	Calm. Fine
Narrabri	Calm. Fine	
Wee Waa	NE. Fine	
Pilliga	S. Fine	W. Fine
Wallgett	Calm. Fine	Calm. Fine
Brewarrina	NE., strong. Fine	Calm. Cloudy, fine
Bourke	NE. Fine, hot	Calm. Cloudy
Muswellbrook	NW. Fine	SE. Fine, hot
Murrurundi	S. Fine	Calm. Fine
Singleton	Calm. Fine	Calm. Fine
Maitland	Calm. Fine	Calm. Fine, hot
Taree	Calm. Fine	W. Fine, hot
Port Stephens	NE. Fine, sea smooth	NE. Fine, sea smooth
Newcastle	NE. Fine, sea smooth	NE., fresh. Fine
Barrenjoey	SE., light. Fine	NE., fresh. Fine
Windsor	Calm. Fine	NE. Like storm
Sydney	E. Fine	NE. Fine
South Head	ENE. Fine, sea smooth	NE. Fine, sea smooth
Wollongong	NE. Fine	NE. Fine
Kiama	NE. Fine, sea smooth	NE., light. Fine
Ulladulla	S., light. Fine	SE., fresh. Fine
Jervis Bay	S., light. Fine	SE., fresh. Fine
Goulburn	NE. Fine	Calm. Fine, hot
Braidwood	Calm. Fine	W. Fine, hot
Araluen	Calm. Fine	Calm. Hot
Moruya	NE. Fine	NE. Fine
Queanbeyan	Calm. Fine	W., strong. Hot
Bombala	NW. Fine	Calm. Dull, showery
Cooma	NW. Fine	NW. Dull, like storm
Bega	Calm. Fine, close	Calm. Dull, cloudy
Eden	NE., strong. Fine	NE. Fresh, thunderst
Gabo Island	NE. Clear, fine	N., fresh. Showery
Yass	Calm. Fine	Calm. Dull
Gundagai	Calm. Fine	Calm. Fine
Tumut	Calm. Cloudy	Calm. Like storm
Kiandra	Calm. Dull	Calm. Like storm
Albury	Calm. Cloudy, close	Calm. Dull
Mount Victoria	N. Cloudy, fine	E. Cloudy, hot
Bathurst	Calm. Fine	NW. Very hot
Carcoar	E. Fine	Calm. Fine, hot
Hill End	Calm. Fine	Calm. Fine
Mudgee	Calm. Fine	Calm. Fine
Gulgong	Calm. Fine	Calm. Fine
Cassilis	Calm. Fine	Calm. Cloudy, sultry
Merriwa	Calm. Fine	Calm. Cloudy, sultry
Coolah	Calm. Fine	Calm. Fine
Coonabarabran	Calm. Fine	Calm. Fine
Coonamble	NE. Fine	NE. Fine
Wellington	Calm. Fine	Calm. Fine, cloudy
Dubbo	E. Fine	Calm. Fine
Orange	Calm. Fine	W. Fine
Forbes	W. Fine	W. Fine
Parkes	Calm. Fine	Calm. Fine
Grenfell	Calm. Fine	W. Fine
Young	NE. Fine	Calm. Fine
Wagga Wagga	E. Fine, clear	Calm. Fine, dull
Urana	NE., strong. Dull	NW. Cloudy
Deniliquin	NE. Fine, dull	W. by S. Dull
Hay	NE. Fine	SW. Cloudy
Moulamein	N. Dull	SW. Cloudy
Balranald	N. Dull, cloudy	Calm. Cloudy
Euston	N. Cloudy	Calm. Cloudy
Wentworth	W. Cloudy, cool	W. Fine

VICTORIA.		Bar.	Ther.
Melbourne	NE. Showery	29·634	72°
Queenscliff	N. Overcast	29·90	68°
Cape Shanck	NE. Cloudy, overcast	29·55	69°
Cape Otway	Calm. Thick, raining	29·478	66°
Portland	WNW. Cloudy, fine	29·74	67°
Port Albert	NE. Cloudy, fine	29·792	71°
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TO CORRESPONDENTS.

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The Sydney Morning Herald.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 24, 1875.

OUR summary of to-day for England, leaves the colony just at Christmas time. Our Parliament is still sitting, but has adjourned for the holidays. It is not only in the middle of its work, but in the middle of a discussion on the Budget. As the COLONIAL TREASURER is away on a mission to England, the financial statement was in his absence made by the COLONIAL SECRETARY. Its chief characteristic was the exhibition made of the very large surplus now in hand. This surplus does not arise from any increase in the produce of taxes, nor from any extraordinary profit on the Government public works, but from the increased sale of land. The high price of wool, and the general prosperity of the pastoral occupiers, has put them in funds for purchasing land, and the peculiar character of our land law stimulates the pastoral lessees to buy the best part of their leaseholds whenever they can. The consequence is that the Treasury chest is full to overflowing. There is no distinction made between revenue arising from land and revenue from other sources, it all goes into the consolidated revenue, and all available for the general expenditure of the country.

Part of the surplus now in hand is to be devoted to a reduction of the national debt. Debentures to the amount of £735,000 fall due in London in the course of 1876. These debentures it is proposed to redeem, and not to renew. But, after making this provision, and after providing handsomely for an increased expenditure for next year, there will still, it is estimated, be a surplus of a million on hand at the close of 1876. This is a very large amount to keep standing over, but the revenue from land sales is uncertain, depending, as it does, so much on the money received for wool, and it is considered desirable, now that the colony is in funds, to keep a large balance to the credit, as a security against any difficulty arising from the sudden contraction of the land revenue.

The present Government being avowedly quite as disposed towards free trade as its predecessor, has endeavoured to give proof of its sincerity by still further simplifying our tariff. Twenty-two articles that yield but comparatively little revenue are to be put upon the free list, and such loss of revenue as there will be is to be made good by an additional duty on tobacco. But in putting on this additional duty the Government proposes to diminish the difference between the rate for manufactured and that for unmanufactured tobacco. Hitherto this difference has been a shilling, it is now proposed to reduce it to ninepence. Against this the manufacturers protest, and contend that it will be a serious impediment to the continuance of their industry. They argue that the difference ought never to be less than one shilling, and that the manufactories, having been established under the operation of the old scale of duties, ought not now to be interfered with. They point to the fact that in free-trade England a much larger difference exists. The Government in reply states that the difference proposed to be established here is proportionately the same as in England, being ninepence here as against eighteenpence there—the duties there being double what they are here. But to this the manufacturers reply, that to argue by proportion does not meet the case, inasmuch as there ought not to be less than the absol

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[VIA SUEZ.]

POLITICAL.

THE Legislative Assembly appears to have got over the repugnance to work which a month ago was one of the chief characteristics of the session; and, although the passion for a short session may be as strong as ever, we hear less of it, and there seems to be a reasonable disposition to do all that is practicable within the very limited time at the disposal of hon. members. The measures of the Government now before the House include a Bill for the Regulation of Coal Mines; a Bill to Regulate the Keeping and Carriage of Gunpowder; and a Bill for validating foreign agreements for personal service in New South Wales. Leave has also been given to bring in a bill to define the privileges and powers of Parliament. The Coal-fields Bill has passed the second reading, and has been advanced a considerable stage in Committee of the Whole. It is similar to the measure introduced on the same subject by the late Minister for Lands, and as it pretty well embodies the wishes and experience of the colliery owners and their men who have had several conferences on the subject, outsiders are content to let the results of the reconciliation of these hitherto antagonistic forces pass unchallenged. Some of the provisions are valuable from a social point of view, more particularly those which prohibit the employment of women, and of children under 13 years of age, in coal mines. "Young persons," who are defined as boys between the ages of 13 and 18, will not be allowed to work for more than eight hours a day: and Mr. Alexander Stuart, one of the members for East Sydney, has given notice of his intention to move that no young persons shall be allowed to be employed who do not possess a certain amount of rudimentary education; or if they are so employed they must attend school for twelve hours in each week until they qualify themselves to pass the educational standard which it is proposed shall be set up by the Council of Education. So far as can at present be judged, the temper of the House is warmly in favour of this small instalment of compulsory education, and it has already been asked why provisions so beneficent and sound in policy should not be applied to the hordes of untutored children to be found in every large centre of the population, whose ignorance as jurors and voters in years to come will put a tremendous strain upon our democratic institutions. A select committee has, at the instance of Mr. W. H. Sutter been appointed to inquire into and report upon the employment of persons of tender age in trades, professions, and callings, unsuited to their years, and calculated alike to be injurious to their physical as well as their moral development.

The bill to provide for the keeping and carriage of gunpowder and other explosive substances is a measure of chiefly local concernment, and is intended to remove what is now a source of great and imminent peril to the citizens of Sydney.

The bill for validating foreign agreements for personal service in New South Wales has been invested with more than ordinary interest from the fact that, viewed in connection with the appropriation of £50,000 proposed to be extended in 1876 for immigration, it is considered to embody the policy of the Government in regard to the introduction of new population. The bill places it in the power of employers to import any number of labourers, artisans, or other persons they please. The agreements are to be witnessed by an officer of the Government in the United Kingdom, and will be ratified in the colony. The period of service is not to exceed two years, and the immigrant so introduced will have to refund to his employer the amount of his passage money. The plan appears to be well suited to meet many of the exigencies of colonial circumstances, and if acted upon by large employers of labour, may be the means of bringing out to the colony many persons who, by industry and frugality are sure to prosper. The Government grant of £50,000 is intended principally for the introduction of women and children whose husbands and fathers, as the case may be, shall have been induced to emigrate under private auspices.

On the 8th instant, Mr. Robertson, who is now doing the duties of the Treasurer, as well as those which properly devolve on him as Colonial Secretary and Premier, made the Budget speech. He showed that the revenue for 1875, based upon actual receipts and an estimate for the last two months, would amount to £4,044,608, the surplus of revenue over expenditure being £528,080, which, with the surplus from 1874, gave the Government command over a cash balance of nearly a million and a half sterling. The Government propose to apply a portion of this surplus to pay off £735,800 worth of debentures, falling due in January and July 1876, the only debentures which will mature for the next twelve years. It was not expected that the Premier would have proposed a reform of the tariff, seeing that the Treasurer was in England, and the House had been crying out for a short session; but he has acted otherwise, and in harmony with his free trade predilections, he proposes to reduce the number of taxable articles at the Custom House by twenty-two, and the number of specific duties therefore will stand at thirty-five, thus still further simplifying the tariff of New South Wales, which has the merit of being the simplest of any which are in force in the Australian colonies. The amount of revenue to be surrendered is put down at £36,118, but it is expected that more than half of it will be recouped by the increased duty of 3d. and 6d. to be imposed upon manufactured and leaf tobacco respectively. Mr. Robertson showed that while the public debt of the colony stood at £11,473,437 at the end of the year 1875; yet, taking into account the cash which the Government had in hand, and the security for cash which they held in the shape of balances payable upon conditional purchases, our actual indebtedness was less than six millions sterling; and that without reference to our assets in the shape of railways, telegraphs, and other reproductive or valuable permanent public improvements. He showed that the conditional purchasers had faithfully met their engagement, and he entered into a lengthy vindication of the land policy and the railway policy of his Administration.

The debate was still pending on the 22nd December, when Mr. Parkes moved (as an amendment on the motion that Mr. Speaker leave the Chair, and the House resolve itself into the Committee of Ways and Means), That all the words after the word "That" be omitted, with the view of inserting in the place thereof the following words—an Address be presented to the Governor, respectfully informing his Excellency that this House, while disapproving of other measures proposed by his Excellency's advisers, is of opinion that the provision for the promotion of immigration is entirely inadequate to meet the wants of the colony; and further, especially disapproves of so much of the proposals submitted for railway extension as includes the expenditure of upwards of £1,000,000 for the construction of railways from Sydney to Wollongong, and from Junee to Narrandera.

At the close of that sitting, the House adjourned until the 11th of January, and the continuation of the debate has therefore been deferred for three weeks.

MINING SUMMARY.

Very little of interest as regards mining matters has transpired since the departure of the November mail; and, indeed, the remarks we then made are to a great extent applicable still. The weather on the whole has not been favourable to mining operations; in some parts there has been no rain, and mining has been partly suspended for want of water, while in other localities men have been prevented from working by heavy rain and stormy weather. The holidays are now so close at hand that it is not likely there will be much animation for some weeks to come. The principal feature we have to notice is the activity displayed in developing our iron mines in various parts of the colony. The new manager of the Fitzroy mines has arrived, and is making energetic preparations for the first smelting, the result of which is looked forward to with considerable interest, as it is generally believed that the improved method now being tried will result in a great success. The Western iron mines also are progressing actively. A fine bar of iron, smelted at the Lithgow Valley mine, has lately been exhibited at the Sydney Exchange, where it has attracted much attention as an evidence of the results to be expected from that quarter. As regards the tin mines, there is nothing fresh to report. That the yield is satisfactory is proved by the quantity of ore daily arriving in Sydney, and it only needs an improvement in price in the home markets to stimulate this branch of industry very considerably. The Western copper mines continue to turn out good quality ore, and some new auriferous reefs in the Mudgee district are likely to be fairly tested. The Mining Board has closed its session, and stands adjourned until the last Wednesday in May, by which time it is possible the New Mining Bill will have been passed, and a new set of regulations will consequently be necessary. The Board have further considered and amended the present regulations, and have introduced some much needed reforms, particularly with regard to sluicing claims. These regulations have been accepted by the Mining Department, and on being passed by the Executive Council, and gazetted, will at once come into force. The Board have also devoted some time to the consideration of Mr. Evans's Mining Bill, and have pointed out some instances where in their opinion a modification or improvement would be desirable. Their suggestions have been forwarded to the Minister for Mines, by whom they will doubtless receive due consideration, as being the opinions of practical men who represent a large section of the mining community of the colony.

GOLD.

Gold mining has not been particularly brisk during the month, from causes mentioned above, but increased activity is expected after the Christmas holidays, by which time a break in the weather may be looked for, for nothing is wanted to cause an immediate resumption of sluicing operations but a good supply of water. We learn from Araluen that the Homeward Bound are not through the heavy stripping yet, but fully expect to be so before Christmas, when they will have a splendid face open, and a great depth of washdirt. It will give an idea of the extent of these workings when it is stated that it takes 40 oz. of gold per week to pay expenses. The Araluen Creek is not yet worked out, and although sluicing is suspended for want of water, reefing is being carried on with vigour. We hear of several small rushes in the neighbourhood of Parkes, and several payable claims have been developed.

Our Hill End correspondent says:—"In mining matters we have our light and shade. Rawsthorne's Co., after their poor crushing of between 6 and 7 dwts., have come upon first-class stone in the backs on Paxton's hanging-wall vein, just about the line where the veins turn over into the 'flat' ground. The vein is about 4 or 5 inches, and good. The Monte Christo, too, after its poor crushing, has got on some gold in the backs of the west workings, and is putting up a rise on Paxton's veins to see if they too have not the same run of gold that Rawsthorne has come upon on the flat ground. Fischer-Beard continue to raise good stone from their backs on the Star of Peace vein, and the Star of Peace are getting good stone also in the backs adjoining Fischer-Beard, and in the bottom stone being Fischer-payable dirt from the rest of their workings. In Matthewson's, which they are working on tribute, they are raising and sinking south of the blow, and expect to have a good breaking-down; and in Meyer's, which they are also working on tribute, although they are getting nothing much at present, the vein is enlarging, and gold is hoped for soon. The Amalgamated Tributers have crushed, obtaining oz. 17 dwts. from 23 tons. They have given up. The Frenchman Tributers have also crushed 39 tons, giving 34 oz. 16 dwts., and they have also given up. This result has surprised every one, from 2 to 3 oz. having been looked for. The Band of Hope has crushed, getting about 4 oz. from 22 tons, but their neighbours on the south, Messrs. Letcher and Hurley, have done, I suppose, pretty well in the old United Reefers, getting 18 dwts. from one lot, and an oz. from their new vein. Hickson and Beard are crushing at Beyer's machine, and expect to be finished to-morrow. The Star of Peace started crushing this morning at Peterson's, and will have about 300 tons. Cock and Attwood received orders to stop work on Saturday, but have finally resolved on cutting out a block of ground which is expected to carry good gold. Brown is, I understand, working one shift on the west veins, just about the break. The Bald Hill Tributers started crushing this morning at Pullen's, and expect from 2 to 3 oz."

The following is from our correspondent at Gulgong:—"In mining there is little to record. The Welcome Reef are still raising stone, which they will be compelled to have carted to the crushing-mill. They have three splendid dams, which, owing to the drought, are empty. As soon as we are favoured with rainfall they intend crushing on their leased ground. The cement crushed from Ford's Creek has been found not rich enough to pay cartage and crushing. The shareholders at the Parramatta Reef have just completed a crushing of 30 tons, which yielded 8 dwts. to the ton. This party in their wash drive have come across three distinct reefs, four, seven, and eight feet wide, and have commenced blocking out. Though the stone is not very rich, it is easily to be obtained and will pay well. In alluvial there have only been a few washings, but nothing of importance, except that of the White Horse Claim, Nil Desperandum, who are still piling the dirt into the puddling mill; and having plenty of water at command in the creek, the mills of Mr. Drew are kept in constant work. The average profit to the shareholders is between £40 and £50 a-week. The Moonlight have closed all their affairs. The ground has been abandoned, and the goods and chattels have been sold."

PARLIAMENT.

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 8.

THE BUDGET.

Mr. ROBERTSON, on rising to make the financial statement, apologised for the absence of the Colonial Treasurer, who was away on important public business in England, and he asked the House to extend to him all the indulgence which he might fairly claim. The period of financial prosperity which began when the hon. member, Mr. Lord, was Treasurer, in 1871, had continued, and the actual revenue of the first ten months, together with the estimated revenue of the last two months of 1875, would produce £4,044,608. The estimated surplus of 1874 had been increased by £89,671, and stood at £895,065. The expenditure for 1875 was £3,776,618, which, however, would probably be reduced by lapsed votes to the extent of £260,000; and the surplus of revenue over expenditure was put down at £528,080, or £414,368 in excess of Mr. Forster's estimate; and, added to the surplus from the year 1874, gave a total cash balance at the end of the present year of £1,424,045. The cash balances at the credit of the several public accounts on the 31st of October, were:—Consolidated revenue, £1,086,; old loans account, £230,227; special land fund, £442,165; trust fund accounts, £922,709; in all, £2,681,812. The principal items of increase in the revenue had been: Customs, £18,385; land sales, £638,436; rent, £15,800; railway receipts, £83,077; the total net increase having been £539,294, after deducting £56,062, decrease in the stamp revenue. The estimated revenue for 1876 was £1,166,903; and the expenditure based on the estimates submitted £3,917,067, leaving the surplus on the year at £249,836. The expenditure for 1876 showed an increase of £23,568, as compared with 1875, but the increase was caused almost wholly by paying out of consolidated revenue what had hitherto been provided by loan. Debentures falling due in January and July next year, amounting to £735,800, would be paid off out of the surplus of 1875, and there would still remain an estimated surplus of £938,137 at the end of last year. There would be no other debentures maturing for twelve years; and, having paid off upwards of a million and a half during the last three or four years, we should be in a favourable position to obtain the best terms in the negotiation of our proposed loans for railways and public works. £400,000 had been, or would be, remitted to England by the end of the year; but it was absurd to suppose that this comparatively small train would derange local mercantile affairs. He gave the last Government credit for the abolition of the ad valorem duties, and he claimed that the present Administration had also done much to facilitate trade, in the Customs' regulations relating to overtime of July last, in the establishment of a steam pilot service, in their negotiation with Victoria and Queensland in regard to the border trade, and their efforts to obtain the admission of Australian wines into the United Kingdom at the lower rate of duty. In a few days tenders would be called for the improvement of the Circular Quay; and the Government now proposed to reduce the number of specific duties to thirty-five by the omission of twenty-two from the present tariff, the total revenue thus surrendered being £36,118. These articles which were to be added to the free list were:—Bacon and hams, gunny bags, biscuits, blue, cordage, doors, ginger, manzena and corn flour, mustard, oilmen's stores (sauces and pickles), paper (writing and fancy), pepper, rope, sago, salt, sashes, shot, shutters, spices, timber (dressed), ditto (rough and undressed), vinegar. The principal amounts surrendered were derived from cordage and rope, and the payment of these duties was practically a tax upon our own shipbuilders. The duty on salt, now to be given up amounted to £10,800, but the loss would be more than made good by the revenue which the Government would obtain from upwards of 60 million acres of land now unused lying intermediate between the coast line and the good pastoral country to the west. The herbage was coarse and the country could only be profitably worked by the abundant use of salt. This remission was not in favour of the squatters, who had possession of rich country and did not need to use salt, and he had been careful to retain the duty on wire largely used by them in fencing. The loss of revenue on these 22 articles would be made good to the extent of £17,600 by the additional impost of 6d. a pound on unmanufactured tobacco, and 3d. on the manufactured article. The proportionate rates were the same as those levied in England, the duties being from 3s. to 3s. 6d. on unmanufactured tobacco, and 4s. to 4s. 6d. on the manufactured article. The duty he now proposed was moderate, and the local manufactures could suffer no hardship. The Government proposed to borrow £3,300,000 for railways and public works, £2,960,000 of the amount being for the construction of the Southern line to Narrandera, Western to Dubbo, and Northern to the district of Armidale and Gunnedah; from Redbern into Sydney, and from Sydney to Wollongong. The hon. member defended the policy of the Government in regard to these extensions, and regretted that the enormous cost and the incomplete nature of the surveys had for the present precluded any definite proposal in regard to a line from Grafton to the New England table-land. The public debt at the end of 1875 was £11,473,437, and on that date we should have a surplus in the banks of £1,424,000, which with the balance due upon conditional purchases would make £6,262,000 of cash or security for money at our command, thereby practically reducing our indebtedness to £5,221,437. Our annual income from the rent and interest on Crown lands was £378,000, and the net earnings of the railways would be £317,000, giving an income apart from taxation of £695,500. In view of these facts, exception could not be taken to the proposed loan as excessive. It had been said that the conditional purchasers did not pay the interest owing; but the receipts from interest had increased from £6548 in 1865 to £63,344 in 1874. The total payments of interest had been £307,979, and the unpaid deficiency was only 2 per cent. The arrangement with the Bank of New South Wales would terminate on the 30th June, and the Government would not enter upon any new engagements without the knowledge and approbation of Parliament. The Colonial Secretary entered upon an elaborate vindication of the administration of the land revenue of the colony, contending that it could not fairly be alleged that we were applying it for purposes of current expenditure. The value which the land possessed was imparted to it by the settlement of population; and the expenditure upon railways, roads, postal services, telegraphs, and the administration of justice, all went to enhance its price and facilitate its sale. Our land sales had increased from £246,071 in 1856, when Queensland formed part of New South Wales, to £1,588,662 in 1875; and our income from rents for the same years had increased from £125,302 to £341,798. The estimated receipts from land sales for 1876 were £1,496,000, while our revenue and receipts from all other sources for the same period were estimated at £2,621,000. The expenditure upon immigration and permanent public works and buildings was properly chargeable upon the land fund. With regard to immigration, it was a slander to say that he was opposed to it, the fact being that the only wise and effective immigration regulations were those which he had himself prepared, which were swept away by the bigotry of hon. gentlemen opposite. He had uniformly supported immigration; but he had always strenuously opposed the expenditure of public money to reduce the price of labour, or to favour the employer against the employed. The bill which he had submitted to validate foreign agreements for personal service was adapted to the circumstances of the colony, and would make valuable provision for its requirements in regard to immigration. In view of the decided indisposition of hon. members to prolong the session, he had no expectation that the Government would be able to pass an amended Stamp Act; and it was useless to attempt to abolish the gold duty.

SOCIAL.

A well attended meeting of the Farnell Testimonial Fund was held on the 7th instant, at the Exchange. The Hon. Thomas Holt was voted to the chair. The hon. secretary explained that the object of the meeting was to consider what form the testimonial should take. He explained what had been done since the inauguration of the affair. For a period of nearly twenty years Mr. Farnell had been a hard working member of Parliament, honest and consistent, and straightforward in his conduct, particularly in the difficult position of administrator of the lands department. When they found almost every politician of note mud-bespattered, Mr. Farnell alone escaped calumny and was above suspicion. The leading gentlemen in the community of all shades of political opinion, and representatives of all classes—the commercial, shipping, agricultural, pastoral, and mining interests—were enrolled on the committee, and went to work with hearty good will. The result was that the magnificent sum of £1250 was soon subscribed. Several large subscriptions were then handed in. Mr. Goodin of Parramatta gave his collection, £42; Battie and Rankin, £12; the Hon. John Frazer, £10 10s., and numerous sums of five guineas and less. The hon. secretary then announced that the subscription list had now amounted to £1260. The Hon. Thomas Holt then asked the meeting to decide on what form the testimonial should take. Mr. John Pope moved, and Mr. M'Quade seconded.—"That £100 be devoted to a substantial testimonial; and that the balance be handed to Mr. Farnell in sovereigns." Mr. Joseph Paxton proposed,—"That a tea and coffee service be presented to Mrs. Farnell, and the balance in sovereigns to Mr. Farnell." Mr. G. M. Pitt seconded this amendment. Mr. Holt hoped that the money would be invested for the benefit of Mr. and Mrs. Farnell, and at their death be divided amongst their children. He pointed out the experience of the past, and, in answer to inquiries, said that the investment for Mr. Parkes turned out well, as did also that for Sir Charles Cowper. The testimonial to the Agent-General was at first not successful till it was taken in hand by Mr. Thomas Garrett, who, he was glad to mention, had nobly and generously given five guineas to this testimonial to Mr. Farnell. (Applause.) He (the chairman) said that as Mr. Farnell was in good circumstances he thought the best thing to do with the money was to invest it. Mr. Goodin wished to correct the chairman. He knew that Mr. Farnell was not a rich man—kept in children, and he had twelve of these. (Hear, hear.) Mr. Alexander Dean moved that a tea and coffee service, at a cost not exceeding fifty guineas, be presented to Mrs. Farnell, and the whole residue be invested for Mr. and Mrs. Farnell during lifetime, and at their death be divided amongst their children. Mr. Paxton seconded this amendment, and withdrew his own amendment. Mr. Thomas Robertson thought it advisable to consult Mr. Farnell about this matter. There was a wide difference in the case of Sir Charles Cowper and Mr. Parkes, and that of Mr. Farnell. After some further discussion, Mr. Goodin moved and Mr. M'Quade seconded the following resolution:—"That an illuminated address and a silver salver be purchased at a cost not exceeding £50, and the balance (together with this) be presented to Mr. Farnell in sovereigns." Mr. Pope's resolution was withdrawn, and the resolution moved by Mr. Dean was put to the meeting and lost. The motion of Mr. Goodin was then put and carried. At the request of several gentlemen it was resolved to keep open the subscription lists until the 1st January. A vote of thanks to the chairman concluded the proceedings.

Great excitement was caused on the night of the 6th instant, shortly after 9 o'clock, by the announcement that the *Evening News* office was on fire, and the rumour was not long in wanting confirmation. The alarm was speedily given out by the fire-bells, and, in a very short space of time, an immense crowd of people had gathered at the junction of Pitt and King streets, in expectation of a scene of raging an extensive conflagration. The excitement which was manifested on every hand was not without sufficient cause, for the *Evening News* premises being situated in a very closely-built and populous centre, any fire there, which might be communicated to adjacent buildings, could be regarded with nothing else than the most serious apprehensions of danger. As it was, however, the fire seemed to be confined to the back part of the building, where the printing and composing rooms are situated; and, though apparently working great destruction there, it was comparatively, if not altogether, harmless to adjoining buildings. It was fortunate for them that there was but a light breeze at the time; for, had a moderately strong wind been blowing in any direction, nothing could have kept the fire from spreading. A large body of smoke issued from the roof, but no flame was discernable, though myriads of sparks were shot up from the fire which raged below. The fire-engines, which arrived with all possible celerity, were immediately set to work, and, manned by scores of willing hands, poured their volume of water upon the burning portion from every direction. Hoses were passed through the office and through buildings in Pitt and King streets, wherever a suitable stand was obtainable. There was an abundance of water, and as it was applied lavishly the fire was soon subdued. The crowd which blocked up the thoroughfare in both streets impeded to some extent the exertions of the firemen, but they were well kept in check by bodies of city and water police under the direction of their officers. Great alarm was caused at one time by the fear, suggested no doubt by some thoughtless person in the crowd, that the front wall of the office was in danger of falling, but it was soon seen that the alarm was wholly groundless. So far as could be learned last night, the fire originated at the back of the publishing office, where a great pile of paper was stored. It was discovered by Mr. Baylis, one of the clerks, shortly before the time for closing, and had then gathered great force. From the publishing room, it extended upwards to the composing room, which communicates with the lower part of the building by means of a stair which served as a conductor to the flames. A compositor who was at work in the composing room, narrowly escaped, as the only mode of egress was barred by the advancing fire. Everything in the composing-room was destroyed; and it happened very strangely that that floor, though greatly damaged, was not consumed. The flames next seized upon the iron roof which covers this room, and quickly destroyed all of it that was combustible. The reporters' room, which is immediately over the place where the fire originated, was also very greatly damaged. Fortunately, the fire was confined to the back of the old portion of the premises, the new portion which has lately been added being little injured except by water. When it was discovered what progress the fire was making, an attempt was made, under the direction of Mr. Hobson—who was the first person in authority present—to get at the water-tanks and hose in the upper part of the building; but the suffocating smoke rendered the attempt futile. A hose from No. 2. engine was, however, got into the building, and a stream of water was played upon the fire from the landing of a stairs in the front office. The heat here was so great that the branch of the hose could not be held for more than a few minutes by any one man, and those engaged at that work had therefore to be constantly relieving each other. One man who distinguished himself by his brave exertions was a seaman named Farnsby, belonging to H.M.S. Renard. In little more than an hour after its discovery the fire was completely extinguished. The damage is estimated at not much less than £3000, but it is fully covered by insurance in various offices. The machines have not been much injured, and it is announced that the accident will not interfere with the publication of the paper. The fire brigades are deserving of the greatest praise for the efforts which they made to get the fire under. Two steamers, one belonging to the Insurance Brigade, and the other to No. 2 Company, were at work in King-street; and engines belonging to the Insurance and Nos. 1, 2, and 3 Companies were at work in Pitt-street. The building is insured in the following offices, viz.:—Mutual, £1000; Queen, £1250; Sydney, £500; and Netherlands India, £750. Total, £3500. The machinery and stock insurances are:—United, £1000; New Zealand, £2000; and Victoria, £2750. Total, £5750. The total amount of insurance, £9250.

The Hebrew Ladies' Bazaar in aid of the new Synagogue now building in Elizabeth-street, Sydney, was a very great success, and of a most elaborate character. It took place in a long pavilion, near the General Post Office. The George-street entrance to the building was decorated with flags, and within the building there was a fairy-like scene of bright colours and tasteful arrangement. On the walls were hung large mirrors in massive gilt frames, and pictures; and plants and flowers were placed in such positions as to give a refreshing appearance to the parts of the room in which they were. Everything was bright and pleasing. The articles on view included all likely to prove attractive or useful to most people, and there were many things of very curious and interesting make, and quite new to Sydney. The value of the whole was estimated at £4000 or £5000. Many of the best of them were the work of the Hebrew ladies of Sydney, others the work of Hebrew ladies at places in the colony out of Sydney, and numbers of articles of different kinds have been received direct from London, Paris, and Berlin, from Hebrew ladies and gentlemen who have been solicited for contributions to the fancy fair. There were seven stalls; the stallholders being Mrs. M. Nelson; Mrs. Levi and Mrs Harris; Mrs Alexander and Mrs. A. Da Lissa; Mrs. M. Levy and Mrs. S. Benjamin; Mrs. D. L. Levy and Mrs. A. Hort; Mrs. H. Solomons and Mrs. H. Myers; and Mrs. Hedwang. The bazaar closed on Tuesday evening last, and the gross amount taken was very large.

The religious service in Blondin's tent, which the Chevalier had granted for such a purpose, took place on Sunday afternoon, and was attended with much success. Owing probably to the fact that superintendents of Sunday schools were averse to disturb the usual routine of Sunday school work, the attendance of children, though good, was not nearly so great as it would probably have been had Sunday school work to any appreciable extent been discontinued for that afternoon. The children, who met together to the number of some 600, had not had the advantage of preliminary practice, yet as the hymns were familiar ones, they were correctly and sweetly sung.

The steamship Talarca, 209 tons, from Glasgow, bound to Dunedin, New Zealand, via Cape Town, put into Hobart Town for coals (says the *Hobart Town Mercury*). She brought the intelligence that her commander, Captain Gilpin, R.N., died at sea on the 3rd ultimo. While at dinner on the 2nd ultimo, two days after leaving Cape Town, Captain Gilpin was observed to suddenly fall back in his chair as if paralysed. He was removed from the table by the officer who used every endeavour to bring him to. After his seizure he never spoke, and died next evening. On the evening of the 4th the body was committed to the deep. It is supposed that the cause of death was a paralytic stroke. The deceased was formerly master of H. M. S. Valiant, and left the navy for the purpose of settling in New Zealand with his wife and three young children—boys aged respectively 8, 10, and 12—and was entrusted with the work of taking the Talarca to her destination, and on board the vessel are his wife and family. Captain Gilpin was a native of Plymouth, England, and 46 years old.

Mdlle. Ima de Murska returned from a successful provincial tour last week, and appeared in a *matinée* concert on Saturday at the Victoria Theatre. All the *artistes* were in excellent voice, and the concert was much enjoyed. Mdlle. sang the "Carnival of Venice," the "Last Rose of Summer" (*encore*), the "Hungarian Pastoral," and in the duo from the "Elixir of Love." Since then she has appeared in concerts at the same house on Tuesday and Wednesday evenings, the feature in which was her rendering of an operatic scena in costume—the shadow song from "Dinorah" the first night, and the mad scene from "Lucia" the second.

THE ADMINISTRATORSHIP OF THE GOVERNMENT.

People have almost forgotten the little storm that was raised about a year ago by the non-appointment of an Administrator of the Government during the absence of Sir HERCULES ROBINSON in Fiji. The official papers on the subject were laid before Parliament on Tuesday. The main question in the matter was whether the commission vesting the powers of Administrator in the CHIEF JUSTICE came into force, as it were by its own inherent vitality, immediately the GOVERNOR left the colony, or whether it lay dormant until brought into force at the discretion, and by the action, of the Ministry. Sir JAMES MARTIN, C. J., took the former view, and called upon the Ministry to attend his chambers, with a Judge, and have him sworn in. The Ministry, taking the latter view, disregarded the call, and Sir JAMES was therefore left, so far as any swearing was concerned, without an official audience. A letter on the subject was sent by him, however, to Earl CARNARVON, and was followed by a reply from Sir HERCULES ROBINSON, and by a minute from his EXCELLENCY'S advisers. The last-named document stated objections to the arrangement by which the CHIEF JUSTICE for the time being was designated to the office of Administrator, both on the ground that it might involve embarrassment in the business of the Courts, and because it might place the office in the hands of a man who (however well qualified for seats on the judicial bench) would not possess the necessary fitness for it. The suggestion was therefore made that the GOVERNOR should be empowered to appoint his deputy, and that, in order to meet certain other contingencies under which a deputy might not be appointed or able to act, the PRESIDENT of the Legislative Council should be designated provisionally. The Earl of CARNARVON, in a despatch dated 2nd October, does not say who was right or who was wrong as to the mode of dealing with the dormant commission, but admits that the course followed in postponing the swearing-in had not been free from objection, whilst, on the other hand, there was great force in the representations against the designation of Chief Justices as the temporary Administrators of the Government. He does not approve of the suggestion that the GOVERNOR should appoint a deputy; but he virtually affirms the principle that some duly-qualified colonist, possessing the esteem and respect of the community, should be appointed by the Home Government to the office of Lieutenant-Governor, by so appointing Sir ALFRED STEPHEN. Sir ALFRED'S commission will also designate the PRESIDENT for the time being of the Legislative Council to administer the Government in the absence of the GOVERNOR and the LIEUTENANT-GOVERNOR. The difficulty has been solved, as we think, in a satisfactory manner. There cannot be much dispute as to the inconvenience that may result from thrusting other than their judicial functions upon the Judges. Only the other day an important case fell through in the Supreme Court, because the CHIEF JUSTICE was also trustee of a public institution, and could not sit at the hearing of it. And there cannot be any dispute as to the principle that the person selected to be Administrator should be chosen because of his fitness to hold that particular office, and not because he happens to be the holder of another of a very different character. We ought always to possess some one well known by repute to the Imperial Government, and commanding the confidence of the public, whom the Crown could safely appoint as Lieutenant-Governor. And as to the provisional designation of the PRESIDENT of the Council, it is to be remembered that the PRESIDENT is appointed under the Constitution Act by the GOVERNOR alone. He is not appointed by the GOVERNOR, with the advice of the Executive Council. The appointment to that office being, therefore, virtually an Imperial appointment, may always be made with special reference to the additional duties and honours that may attach to it. It is satisfactory, too, that, while the principle of the new arrangement is sound, its application in the case of Sir ALFRED STEPHEN and Mr. HAY will carry with it public approval.

THE UNIVERSITY SENATE.

A meeting of the members of the Sydney University was held on 1st instant, at noon, in the large hall, for the election of a member of the Senate, in the room of Mr. Lewis Shaw Morewether, whose seat had become vacant by reason of his absence from the colony. Amongst those present were the Hon. Sir E. Deas-Thomson, Chancellor of the University; the Rev. Canon Allwood, B.A., Vice-Chancellor; Professor Badham, D.D.; Mr. W. C. Windeyer, M.A.; Professor Smith, D.D.; Mr. Hugh Kennedy, Registrar.

The CHANCELLOR stated briefly the objects of the meeting and the forms to be observed.

Mr. WINDEYER then said he had much pleasure in proposing for election Mr. Henry Chamberlain Russell, Bachelor of Arts, and Government Astronomer for the colony. In the fact that there was no opposition to Mr. Russell's candidature, he saw a recognition, by the public and by the members of the University, of that gentleman's fitness for the office. He was sure that he was but expressing the opinion of all who knew Mr. Russell when he said that he was eminently qualified from his high scientific attainments and public standing, for the very honourable position to which he was aspiring. In proposing a gentleman to fill a vacancy in the Senate, he and the members of the University who acted with him in nominating Mr. Russell recognised the importance of selecting a gentleman whose public position and admitted attainments would make him worthy to become a member of their body; and in selecting Mr. Russell, he thought they had chosen one whose standing in the country fitted him for a seat in the Senate. The position would be alike honourable to the gentleman himself and to the University which he hailed as his *alma mater*. Mr. Russell graduated in 1858. During his University course he took a general scholarship, and afterwards the E. Deas-Thomson scholarship for proficiency in physical science. After a competitive examination he was appointed computer at the Government Observatory. On the resignation of the Government Astronomer, in 1862, Mr. Russell was appointed Acting Astronomer, which office he continued to hold until 1870, when he was appointed to the post of Government Astronomer. In 1871 he was elected fellow of the Royal Astronomical Society of England, and in 1874 he was elected fellow of the Meteorological Society of Great Britain. Mr. Russell was well known in Sydney by those interested in astronomical science as the author of various papers published amongst the notices of the Astronomical Society, especially for his papers on the coloured clouds seen in Kappa Crucis and Eta Argus. He was further known by many valuable mechanical improvements connected with the practical working of the Observatory; whilst his tables to facilitate the finding of the humidity of the atmosphere were used by the Meteorological Society of England, and published by them as tending very liable to error. The ability which Mr. Russell displayed in conducting the observations of the Transit of Venus had caused his contributions towards that great work to be recognised as honourable alike to himself and the colony, by all capable of appreciating his labours; and they would associate his name with the observations so successfully taken in this colony, in all time to come, with the most interesting of astronomical observations of the present day. As a graduate of this University he had therefore much pleasure in nominating a gentleman, whose attainments were recognized beyond the limits of the colony, and who was recognised by all who knew him as one in every way worthy of the honour now being conferred upon him.

Professor SMITH seconded the election of Mr. Russell. He was quite sure that that gentleman's election would give much satisfaction to the general body of the University.

There being no other candidate, the CHANCELLOR announced that Mr. Russell had been unanimously elected a member of the Senate of the University.

Mr. Russell was then called in and was warmly congratulated by all present on his election.

The proceedings then terminated.

OBITUARY.

THE LATE MR. JOHN CAHILL.—The late Mr. John Cahill who was killed at Waverley by being thrown from his horse, was formerly a partner in the firm of Smith, Cahill, and Co., timber merchants, and on retiring from that firm, became foreman engineer at Mort's Works, Waterview Bay, Balmain, where he superintended the construction of several locomotive engines for the Government, and took an active part in the movement to have all the railway rolling stock required by the Government manufactured in the colony. His remains were buried in the Balmain Cemetery, a large number of persons attending the funeral.

DR. VON WILLEMOES SUHM.—The following account of the melancholy death of Dr. Suhm, of H. M. S. Challenger, will be perused with sorrowful interest by many of our readers. It is an extract from a letter written by his colleague:—"Tahiti, 10th October, 1875:—It is with great grief that I have to inform you of poor Suhm's death, which occurred at sea, on the 13th September, when on the way from Honolulu to Tahiti. He was not ill more than a week. It began with what he thought was a boil on the face, but it quickly declared itself to be erysipelas, which spread rapidly over his head and face—the fever at the same time increasing. He took to his bed on the 9th; on the 11th he was delirious, and he died at 3 p.m. on the 13th. It was a most terribly sudden affair, and even yet one does not fully realize the extent of the loss to ourselves. The loss to the expedition will be irreparable, as he was a most indefatigable worker, and he has just died when he was beginning to collect and work up together all his observations. Just three days before his death he was telling me how he had apportioned his time, so that on our return home he would be able to publish a preliminary work on the voyage. His journal and notes are pretty full, but I do not know what papers he may have sent home. I think he must have sent a great deal away. He was buried at sea the day after his death, it being quite impossible to keep the body until we arrived here. We have been very unfortunate in this ship, and especially in our department. His caffre died at Hongkong, and now he has been followed by his master, and it may be anybody's turn next."

EXHIBITION OF MINERALS.

There has been on view for some days at the Temperance Hall, Pitt-street, the mineral trophy and geological collection about to be forwarded by the Department of Mines to the great International Exposition at Philadelphia in 1876. This fine collection, illustrative of the illimitable mineral wealth of New South Wales, has been brought together chiefly by Mr. Wilkinson, Government Geologist, assisted by the mining wardens, registrars, and other officers of the department, and supplemented by several valuable contributions from private individuals. The collection does great credit to the department, alike for its completeness and for its admirable arrangement, and the thanks of the public are especially due to the Hon. John Lucas, Minister for Mines, for his thoughtfulness and courtesy in opening the collection to public inspection free of charge. A large number of persons have already availed themselves of the opportunity, and on Saturday evening the hall was well filled. The exhibition will be finally closed on Tuesday evening, as the hall, after that date, will be required for other purposes.

The first thing that strikes the eye of a visitor on entering is a really magnificent trophy, designed to show together the principal mineral resources of the colony—coal, gold, tin, iron, copper, &c.—giving due prominence to the coal, which is after all the very back-bone of our mineral possessions, since it would be impossible to work the rest to the others without it. The trophy is of a pyramidal shape, with four salient angles and four corresponding recesses. The angles are formed by massive solid blocks of coal, disposed like steps, each block being the representative of a different seam or pit. One of these angles or buttresses represents the mines of the Hunter River district, and consists of samples from the following collieries:—Anvil Creek, Greta, Stony Creek, and Rix's Creek. The next buttress exemplifies the Western District, the mines represented being Bowenfels, Lithgow Valley, Eskbank, Vale of Clwydd, Blackman's Flat, Wallerawang, and that of the New South Wales Shale and Oil Company. The next angle is devoted to the Newcastle mines, represented by the following collieries:—Waratah, Lambton, New Lambton, Minmi and Duckenfield, Australian Agricultural Company, New Wallsend, Cardiff, Australian Dudley, Victoria Tunnel and Glenrock, Woodford, Tomago, and Four Mile Creek. The fourth angle is illustrative of the Southern coal mines, and contains samples from Bulli, Osborne, Wallsend, Mount Pleasant, Coal Cliff, North Bulli, Mount Kembla, and Brierton's, at Merrima. In the recesses are shown sections taken from seams of coal now being worked in four of our principal coal-fields, showing the actual thickness of these seams. Thus, the section from the Newcastle district is 12 feet 6 inches thick, that from Bowenfels is 10 feet 6 inches thick, that from Anvil Creek is 14 feet 6 inches thick, and that from Bulli is 8 feet without a band. On each side of the buttresses and over each section are placards showing the name of the

by Mr. Thomas Brown, M.L.A. It may safely be said that the presence of fish at such an elevation proves that New South Wales has undergone some ups and downs, physically as well as politically, in the course of time. There is also some columnar sandstone, from the same formation, and found near Botany Heads. The overlying Wianamatta beds are represented by a photograph of Palæoniscus, a specimen obtained from the Gib tunnel on the Southern railway, by Mr. P. F. Adams, the Surveyor-General of the colony. The only specimen of supposed mesozoic coal strata is given by some fossil plants allied to Pecopteris (?), from the Clarence district. The lowest tertiary strata are represented by some beautiful fossil leaves found near Gunning, in the south, and in the tin-bearing deep leads of New England, in the north—the deposits which will form the most permanent source of tin production in this colony. Next we come to some fine specimens of fossil leaves and petrified wood, from a depth of 275 feet below the surface, from the deep gold leads in the district of Parkes. There are also some fossils of fruits from the same locality, identical with those found in the upper Pliocene deep leads in Victoria. Amongst those may be mentioned the Pentenne Clarkei, named by savans in the old country after one of the most distinguished geologists in New South Wales, and the Rhytidocaryon Wilkinsonii, a new species, recently identified by Baron Von Mueller, the Government Botanist of Victoria, and named by him after the Government Geologist of this colonist. The fossils from the Pleistocene formation include the bones of some of those extinct and gigantic mammals, the diprodon, the carnivorous lion, the Tasmanian devil, and others, found on the Western plains, and in the Wellington cave deposits. With these are the remains of existing marsupials, found in the bone caves near Mount Lambie. As uniting the past with the human period we have the native implements obtained by Mr. T. Brown, M.L.A., in the Capertree district, and some stone tomahawks found at Bodalla, by Mr. T. S. Mort, at a depth of 14 feet below the surface. It was singular that the trunk of a large tree was found immediately above these latter specimens, leading to the inference that the weapons must have been deposited there at a very remote period, since the tree had grown and attained maturity after they were placed in that spot.

It is of course impossible in our present limits to enter into a detailed description of the various objects of interest comprised in this collection, but it may safely be said that the contributions of our Mining Department will form a valuable and interesting section of the Australian branch of the Philadelphia Exhibition, and will certainly form one of the best possible advertisements to the world of the boundless mineral resources of New South Wales.

ESCAPED CONVICTS.

For the following account of the escape and voyage from New Caledonia of the five Frenchmen who recently landed at Wide Bay the *Brisbane Courier* is indebted to the courtesy of the Police Department, which received the narrative in the original French as written at Maryborough by one of the escapees:—

The names of the men are—Adolph Eugène Fabret, engineer; Henri Levin, mason; Sibland Denys, locksmith; Martin Jacques, sailor; Borrely Baptistin, locksmith and blacksmith; and the narrative is as follows:—

"On the 8th September a strong southerly breeze favoured our escape from New Caledonia. Such chances were rare, and besides that, we required a wind which should last at least twenty-four hours, in order not to be overtaken in case of being pursued. On this day the breeze had become very strong since morning at 8 o'clock, and we felt sure that it would last. We met together and talked over the affair, and subsequently bought some pounds of rice, and prepared some little provision which we had left, when we saw that a providential chance presented itself to us. This day the gaoler sent about 120 packages of flour to Nouméa. Two boats were required, but as they were too full, we took a third in addition, with seventeen packages therein. The two other boats first set out, and the third was on the point of setting out, but we were waiting for the warder who should go in it. We ought to have waited his arrival, but as he delayed, we launched out immediately, and setting sail, set the boat going before the wind at great speed. As we took a direction totally contrary to that which we ought to have taken, every one was much astonished. The officer on duty, running out, called on us to return, but we were getting on too well for that. At first they were very much surprised and embarrassed; they then made signals from a signal-staff on a small eminence, but these signals they made too late, to a steamer anchored at the entrance to the roads. We passed her without their suspecting anything. When, however, she had made out all the signals, she immediately lowered a large boat, with ten or twelve sailors in pursuit. We then began to fear we should be caught. We passed another vessel at anchor, the crew of the first still pursuing us, but they lost ground, and after following two leagues turned back, the sea being rough against them returning. That night we had a strong wind, and the following day the same thing. We made in two days 120 leagues. The third day there was a complete calm for twenty-four hours, on the eighth and ninth days complete calm again, and frightful heat. We left the boat turn about and swam in the sea, to assuage the heat, from which we suffered. The ninth day we encountered foul winds, and got along but slowly. The boat laboured very much. We lowered the sail and drifted before the wind, by which we lost about six leagues. The tenth day we had a fair wind, but very light. From the eleventh and twelfth days we had good weather up to day of arrival. We sighted land at 6 a.m.; one of us climbed up the stays of the mast, and clinging to the top of it cried to us, joyfully, 'All's well! Land!' We had no water for four days, drinking often the sea water. We sailed along the shore, and disembarked about 2 o'clock at a point where we perceived horses, thinking to find water. We did not, however, find it at once. We had landed upon a sandy beach, and had cast anchor a little distance from shore, so as to be at hand when the tide went out, but as the chain was short we added a piece of cord to allow the boat to float. We decided that four should swim ashore, one man remaining on board, but the cord slipped from the chain, and the efforts made by the man were not sufficient to pull the boat off the shore, and she fell on one side and was in instant filled with water and sank. The flour got wet, also our bread, and we brought it all on shore, leaving the boat. The four men returning at the end of two hours, without having found water, we were then in a bad way, having no boat to sail with. Twice we essayed during two tides to float her; but, as it proved impossible, we determined to abandon her, and to proceed along the beach in search of assistance, when a man on horseback appeared, and we waved our shirts. We gave four francs we had no compass; but, knowing that the sun travelled its ecliptic one in six months with right ascension and six months declination, we calculated to trace the quantity of the angle that it made at the point where it sinks below the horizon—that is to say, on the 21st December. Knowing that New Caledonia is in 22 degrees of latitude, and that the sun, which descends to 23 degrees south, was very near the tropic of Capricorn, we were certain that in holding it always overhead, we ought to arrive at the nearest land of Australia, as actually occurred.

"During the voyage, the first four days three men were very much fatigued and unable to work, suffering from sea-sickness, and we experienced great difficulty in managing the boat, two men only being in health. At last, at the end of twelve days, we arrived at our goal."

THE DRY WEATHER.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE HERALD.

Sir,—The continued dry weather is becoming so serious a calamity that a few words about our past experience may be interesting, and be some guide in forming a reasonable expectation in the present extremity.

The meteorological observations at Sydney extend now over a period of thirty-six years, and although no definite period can be traced in the recurrence of these droughts, yet there have been so many within the years of observation that we may, I think, reasonably estimate the present from the past. No definite law for the recurrence of rain at any particular time is yet known for Australia or any other country out of the direct tropical influence, and in our latitude the deposit of vapour is the result of such a complex action that we are obliged here, as elsewhere, to be contented with a probability.

In what follows I have only taken up the question of drought in spring and early summer, as that is what we are particularly interested in at the present time. For the purpose of easy reference I have arranged in tabular form the rainfall of the last five months of every year since 1840. The average rainfall for August, for the whole period, is 2·923 inches, for September 2·560, and if we strike out the extraordinary and wholly exceptional rainfall of the 14th October, 1844—viz., 20·41 inches, which fell during a hurricane—the average for October is 2·869 inches, November 3·111 inches, and December (35 years) 2·601 inches, and the total amount (average) which falls in the five months is 14·264 inches. The years of drought are as follows:—

1842.—From the end of August, excepting one heavy thunderstorm on December 15, the weather continued excessively dry till the 17th February, 1843, when an easterly gale came on, and heavy rain fell, without thunder.

1847.—The drought this year began in July, and continued to January. The country was very much burnt up, and the losses extensive.

1849.—The dry weather began on the 7th of August, and continued till the 16th March, 1850, when it broke up with storm of wind, thunder, and lightning from south. Bush fires raged near Sydney for ten or twelve days, and the city was shrouded in smoke. So severe was the drought generally, that it is said many poor settlers would have been ruined but for liberal subscriptions. The year 1849 is the driest on record; only 21·49 inches rain fell during the whole twelve months.

1854.—From 7th Sept. drought continued to 17th Jan. 1855, when it broke up with violent thunderstorm from south.

1857.—From end of October a very dry period, excepting a thunderstorm and some rain 9th December; lasted till 22nd February, and broke up with thunderstorm and southerly wind.

1861.—From November 22 a very dry period, with thunderstorm on 11th December; lasted to 16th January, 1862, and broke up with a thunderstorm from south.

1862.—Very dry from August 4, excepting a heavy thunderstorm December 15, to January 20, when weather broke with thunderstorm and southerly wind.

1863.—From 28th October to 7th February, 1864, a severe drought, which broke up with violent storm of wind, thunder, and lightning from south. Partial relief obtained from violent southerly squall and rain 10th December.

1867.—From 24th September a severe drought; lasted to 16th January, when it broke up with a violent thunderstorm from S.W. 11th December. Partial relief from heavy thunderstorm.

We next come to 1875.—The drought has extended from July 3 to 16th December, and it is remarkable that on this day a violent squall of wind with thunder came up and a little rain fell. The whole amount, 4·568 inches, which has fallen since the 3rd July, is less than one-third of the average fall for the period, and even this small amount has been distributed into so many falls, that the relief has been very small. Indeed when the weather once becomes dry, it may fairly be assumed that when less than a tenth of an inch falls at one time it does no good. Tried by this standard, the dryness of the past five months is manifest—for, from 8th of August to September 13th, no useful rain fell; then a small quantity fell between 13th and 21st, and nothing again to October 5th; a trifling fell between 5th and 10th, and again no rain to 20th and 21st, when 0·358 only fell, and dry hot and windy weather followed to November 3rd; 13th to 16th, 0·594 only fell, and it became again hot and dry to December 1st, when 0·169 fell, and thence to date no rain.

If we tabulate these results, some interesting facts become apparent, but they are not encouraging at the present moment, when our need is great and there is a promise of rain:—

DROUGHT.

Year.	Partial break.		Drought broke up.	
1842	16 December	—	17 February,	1843
1847	—	—	January,	1848
1849	—	—	16 March,	1850
1854	—	—	17 January,	1855
1857	9 December	—	22 February,	1858
1861	11 December	—	16 January,	1862
1862	15 December	—	20 January,	1863
1863	10 December	—	7 February,	1864
1867	11 December	—	16 January,	1868
1875	16 December.			

So that, out of nine droughts recorded in the latter part of the year, five have broken up about the middle of January, three in February, and one not till 16th March; but none in December, though in most cases there is a thunderstorm and some rain in December, after which the drought returns, and it is not until the later period that the break is followed by abundant rain.

It is worthy of remark that with one exception—1842-3—the break-up has always been with a violent storm of thunder and lightning from the south.

It is instructive to look back and see how many days we have been without useful rain. The longest period without any rain was 20 days in Sept., 1866, but if we take the same amount as before, viz., 0·100 as the useful limit, the dry spaces in years under consideration are as follows:—

TABLE OF DRY PERIODS.

	No. of Days.	From.	To.	No. of Days.	From.	To.	No. of Days.	From.	To.	No. of Days.	From.	To.	No. of Days.	From.	To.	No. of Days.	From.	To.
1840	27	Dec. 5	Dec. 31	26														
1841	16	Sept. 1	Sept. 16	28	Nov. 1	Nov. 28												
1842	33	Dec. 1	Jan. 2, 1843	16			25			14								
1843				16			25			11	Nov. 12	Dec. 10	25			14		
1844							23			15	Dec. 2	Dec. 16	25			14		
1845							23			14	Nov. 12	Nov. 25	26			16		
1846							25			14	Dec. 2	1846, Jan. 15	25			16		
1847							23			14	Nov. 12	Nov. 25	26			16		
1848							23			14	Dec. 2	1847, Jan. 20	25			16		
1849							23			14	Nov. 12	Nov. 25	26			16		
1850							23			14	Dec. 2	1849, Jan. 3	25			16		
1851							23			14	Nov. 12	Nov. 25	26			16		
1852							23			14	Dec. 2	1852, Jan. 7	25			16		
1853							23			14	Nov. 12	Nov. 25	26			16		
1854							23			14	Dec. 2	1854, Jan. 7	25			16		
1855							23			14	Nov. 12	Nov. 25	26			16		
1856							23			14	Dec. 2	1856, Jan. 7	25			16		
1857							23			14	Nov. 12	Nov. 25	26			16		
1858							23			14	Dec. 2	1858, Jan. 7	25			16		
1859							23			14	Nov. 12	Nov. 25	26			16		
1860							23			14	Dec. 2	1860, Jan. 7	25			16		
1861							23			14	Nov. 12	Nov. 25	26			16		
1862							23			14	Dec. 2	1862, Jan. 7	25			16		
1863							23			14	Nov. 12	Nov. 25	26			16		
1864							23			14	Dec. 2	1864, Jan. 7	25			16		
1865							23			14	Nov. 12	Nov. 25	26			16		
1866							23			14	Dec. 2	1866, Jan. 7	25			16		
1867							23			14	Nov. 12	Nov. 25	26			16		
1868							23			14	Dec. 2	1868, Jan. 7	25			16		
1869							23			14	Nov. 12	Nov. 25	26			16		
1870							23			14	Dec. 2	1870, Jan. 7	25			16		
1871							23			14	Nov. 12	Nov. 25	26			16		
1872							23			14	Dec. 2	1872, Jan. 7	25			16		
1873							23			14	Nov. 12	Nov. 25	26			16		
1874							23			14	Dec. 2	1874, Jan. 7	25			16		
1875							23			14	Nov. 12	Nov. 25	26			16		

DURING THE YEARS.

Month.	1840	1841.	1842.	1843.	1844.	1845.	1846.	1847.	1848.	1849.	1850.	1851.
August	0·990	1·470	3·900	2·270	2·040	0·660	3·480	0·140	1·800	1·600	1·440	2·500
September	1·570	2·370	1·600	1·360	0·760	0·660	1·620	1·200	1·600	1·600	1·600	2·500
October	1·450	1·630	1·350	1·650	20·410	2·750	3·970	1·540	1·200	1·600	1·600	2·500
November	2·040	1·750	1·350	0·750	4·310	2·740	5·490	2·540	0·840	1·600	1·600	2·500
December	4·250	3·540	4·570	3·540	4·570	2·740	5·490	2·540	0·840	1·600	1·600	2·500
Totals	11·410	21·320	16·810	21·790	30·430	14·450	25·820	8·360	14·830	21·300	17·810	14·760

Month.	1852.	1853.	1854.	1855.	1856.	1857.	1858.	1859.	1860.	1861.	1862.	1863.
August	3·050	0·150	1·320	0·500	0·650	1·500	1·500	1·270	0·180	0·720	0·720	0·780
September	1·670	1·270	1·060	0·360	1·360	1·340	1·420	1·360	0·240	1·770	0·720	0·780
October	2·280	1·270	1·060	0·360	1·360	1·340	1·420	1·360	0·240	1·770	0·720	0·780
November	2·280	1·270	1·060	0·360	1·360	1·340	1·420	1·360	0·240	1·770	0·720	0·780
December	5·940	4·250	3·390	2·160	4·770	2·260	2·100	3·620	1·530	3·270	2·160	2·340
Totals	16·810	7·960	7·030	3·540	9·500	6·780	7·960	9·010	2·430	9·300	5·040	5·460

Month.	1864.	1865.	1866.	1867.	1868.	1869.	1870.	1871.	1872.	1873.	1874.	1875.
August	0·960	2·020	1·130	0·210	1·130	0·140	0·670	0·467	2·973	2·370	1·130	0·529
September	1·350	2·020	1·130	0·210	1·130	0·140	2·020	0·373	2·973	2·370	1·130	1·100
October	1·350	2·020	1·130	0·210	1·130	0·140	2·020	0·373	2·973	2·370	1·130	1·053
November	2·020	2·020	1·130	0·210	1·130	0·140	2·020	0·373	2·973	2·370	1·130	0·963
December	4·770	7·020	2·260	0·630	2·260	0·420	6·060	1·120	8·920	7·110	3·390	2·332
Totals	10·450	15·120	6·780	1·470	6·780	0·980	12·790	2·706	19·812	16·590	7·910	6·977

Month.	1876.
August	1·353
September	1·100
October	0·963
November	1·100
December	0·332
Totals	4·848

Sums.—August, 105·413; September, 92·184; October, 129·09 (* 105·282); November, 112·011; December, 98·039. Total, 531·113.

Means.—August, 2·928; September, 2·560; October, 3·435 (* 2·869); November, 3·111; December, 2·801. Total, 14·841.

From September 19, 1842, to December 8—19 days—only 0·415 inches of rain fell; and that from September 21, 1867, to December 11—78 days—only 0·630 inches of rain fell. The three months October, November, and December 1867, are the driest of the whole period.

The question as to the extent of these droughts is one upon which there is very little recorded information, and what there is does not serve to answer to the question except in a very imperfect way.

The great drought of 1842 was certainly not felt in Melbourne, there they had an abundant rainfall, just as they have had now during the past few months.

When a drought has been severe at Sydney it does not appear to have been so inland; indeed a drought is often very circumscribed, and the rainfall observations made in the country point unmistakably to the fact that a very dry year on the coast is not so severe inland, and that the dry years of the interior are often the wet ones of the coast.

As much of the inland rain falls with a westerly wind, coming south of tropical and polar, the oscillation of the rainfall is quite in accordance with the explanation offered below of the cause of droughts, for when the two currents meet to the westward the moisture is deposited there, and the wind reaches the coast dry.

That the proximate cause of these droughts is an unusual southerly set of the Equatorial currents is manifest by the low barometer, high temperature, and great prevalence of north-westerly and north-easterly winds. As the prevalence of these winds excludes the southerly or our rain-bearing winds, we necessarily get less rain than usual; and when the sun has turned to go northwards, the Equatorial currents move with him, and the southerly (polar) current rushes in with thunder and lightning—sure indications of the meeting of the two currents—and rain follows.

This letter is already too long, and I have purposely refrained from any discussion of the facts, but they force us to estimate the probability of rain before the middle of January as very small indeed.

H. C. RUSSELL, Government Astronomer.
Observatory, December 17.

* Without 2·041 inches which fell on 14th October, 1844, and is evidently exceptional.
† This amount is from 1st to 10th December only.

INSOLVENCIES OF THE MONTH.

	Liabilities.	Estimated Assets.
Thomas Moon, St. Peter's, builder ...	£68 6 0	£60 17 0
Jabez Brown, Sydney, out of business.	8248 18 0	85 0 0
Henry Dose, Sydney, seaman ...	15 7 6	5 0 0
George Jilks, Sydney, publican ...	551 15 6	
Michael Rose, Sydney, labourer ...	85 7 11	2 0 0
Margaret Lucy Tucker, lately storekeeper at Merou ...	1008 6 0	98 0 0
John Purcell, Woolshirs, dairyman ...	119 9 4	30d 3 1
George Harrison, late of Lower Turon, miner ...	32 4 10	3 5 0
William Daly, Carcoar, publican ...	150 4 6	23 0 0
John Thomas Ward, Armidale, hawker	913 17 6	361 10 3
James Foster, Flattsbary, labourer ...	38 7 9	0 5 6
Thomas Swift, Singleton, storekeeper	356 14 6	221 15 10
Thomas Marchant, Cook's River ...	492 10 6	318 0 0
John Macdonald, Wallsend, miner ...	104 12 1	8 5 6
Edward Joseph Dempsey, Tangoungaroo, publican, compulsory ...	Rule pending	
Charles Bacon, late of Clarence River, rainer ...	$116 17 4	5 0 0
William Usher, Sydney, barman ...	Schedule not filed.	
Thomas Cowin, Forbes, tailor ...	671 0 0	611 15 3
Christopher Richardson, Sydney, bricklayer ...	37 14 7	14 9 0
George Edward Cowell, Glen Innes, saddler ...	81 11 11	20 10 0
John Nott, Parramatta, carrier ...	710 0 0	15 0 0
William Langenberg, Pyrmont, mariner ...	19 4 0	2 0 0
Frederick Morley, Glebe, ship steward	131 0 6	5 0 0
Thomas Curll, Doughboy Hollow, contractor ...	156 4 4	5 0 0
John Clooney, Marrickville, omnibus driver ...	130 0 0	10 0 0
James Hayden, Canterbury, labourer	97 13 2	7 0 8
Charles Vaughan Waldron, Wollongong, farmer ...	271 0 0	23 0 0
Thomas Thompson, Newcastle, storekeeper ...	1927 17 7	423 12 9
Frederick John Barton, Sydney, printer ...	189 2 4	60 14 0
David Pas de Leon, Sydney, salesman	50 10 9	20 0 0
John Boundy, Waratah, miner ...	60 12 1	0 10 0
Denis M'Grath and William M'Mah, Sydney, bailers (compulsory) ...	Rule pending.	
Edward Taylor, Newtown, omnibus driver ...	92 10 0	8 0 0
Wesley Powell Mulholland, Sydney, traveller ...	160 8 3	5 0 0
James Hood, Narrandera, grazier ...	753 0 9	5 0 0
William Thomas Davies, West Kempsey, carpenter ...	44 4 2	3 0 0
John Giles Bundle, Newcastle, carpenter ...	38 16 3	19 0 0
Henry Ambrose Holmes, Newtown, groom ...	98 0 0	10 0 0
William Henry Wakely, Bathurst, glue-boiler ...	128 19 6	43 0 0
Patrick M'Cormack, Inverell, conditional purchaser ...	201 6 5	200 0 0
Charles David Alexander, Sydney, clerk ...	226 18 0	93 0 0
Charles White Williams, Wallerawang, watchmaker ...	144 3 10	34 5 6
John Bland, Sydney, bootmaker ...	Schedule not filed.	
John William Whalen, Redfern, engine-cleaner ...	64 6 0	19 0 0
William Tott Pullen and Robert James Llewellyn Morgan, Mudgee ...	£3118 12 2	£28 15 4
Charles Spittle, Sydney, tailor ...	109 8 6	9 13 0
Bernard Gorman, Balmain, master mariner ...	200 15 1	5 0 0
John Gavins, Newtown, groom ...	78 2 7	6 0 0
James Lawson, Sydney, grocer ...	98 15 7	98 3 8
Andrew Charles Maclean, Murrurundi, licensed victualler ...	Schedule not filed.	
John Matthewson, Sydney, gentleman	Schedule not filed.	
Frederick Bawidge, Kyloome, stonemason ...	36 10 0	5 0 0
William Keys and Charles Keys, Inchinvar, butchers ...	Schedule not filed.	

MONETARY AND MERCANTILE REVIEW.

The Premier, acting in the capacity of Treasurer *pro tem*, made his financial statement in the Legislative Assembly on the 8th instant. Taking first that portion of it affecting commercial circles, we may state that he proposed to reduce the number of dutiable articles from fifty-seven to thirty-three. Those which are to be added to the free list are:—Bacon and hams, gunny bags, biscuits, blue, cordage, doors, ginger, maizena and corn flour, mustard, oilmen's stores (sauces and pickles, paper (writing and fancy), pepper, rope, sago, salt, sashes, shot, shutters, spices, timber (dressed), ditto (rough and un'ressed), vinegar. The whole of the annual revenue collected from these only amounted to £30,118, and he proposes to recoup the revenue for its abolition by increasing the duty on manufactured tobacco to 2s. 3d. and of leaf to 1s. 6d. Those are the only alterations in the tariff intended at present, but Mr. Robertson expressed a hope that it might be si applied still more next year. When Mr. Forster made his financial statement last April he estimated that the surplus at the end of 1874 would be £895,284, instead of which it has increased to £896,055. This year's surplus was, of course, only estimated; but, it the estimate should prove correct, there will be a net increase of £114,500. The Premier anticipates that at the end of this year the accumulated surplus from previous accounts will be £1,121,015. The revenue for 1876 he estimates at £4,166,900, and the expenditure at £3,917,007, leaving a further surplus of £249,892 to be added to previous credit balances, from which he proposes to do what has never yet been done by any colony in Australia, namely, to pay off in one year from consolidated revenue £755,800 of the public debt, and then hold a surplus of £938,137. In a very concise form the actual state of the public debt as contracted, and further responsibilities as authorised, was stated, showing that the colony now owes £11,173,137, and there is £2,061,733 more negotiable without consulting Parliament. Next year's debentures are provided for, and there will be no more redeemable until 1888. With all the figures and accounts submitted, there was nothing more satisfactory than that, on the 31st of October, the actual balance at credit of the Consolidated Revenue Fund was £1,901,690.

Another most important subject has also been brought before Parliament by a member of the Upper House who asked for a committee to inquire into the financial arrangements of the Government. It was not his intention to go into all the details of the Treasury department, and he might therefore have been more explicit in the resolution submitted, for as he explained to the House his object was more to prove the inadvisibility of the Government keeping all its deposits in one bank, and the dangerous tendency of unwise competition for deposits. Mr. Montefiore, in moving it, stated that in this colony it appeared that the more the deposits increased the more the interest increased; it had not increased in a disproportionate ratio. The circulation had not been contracted during the past year; the increase of deposits had been very marked; but, in spite of this, the quantity of gold coin and bullion had only increased to the extent of £1000 against deposits amounting to £2,000,000. They must reasonably look for the disturbing element. It would not surprise him members to hear that the deposit made by the Government in one bank in the colony was at present larger than the total capital of all the banks of New South Wales employed in New South Wales. The amount to the credit of depositors in the Savings' Banks amounted to £1,250,000, as appeared by the Registrar-General's return. The production of bullion had sensibly increased. We had not as a disturbing element to affect us any pressure for money from other countries with which we dealt, and which were our creditors. This had been the case in England in 1837 when, in consequence of the failure of American banks, and the issue of paper currency, President Jackson had required payment for land in gold. The rate of exchange indicated no drain of bullion. He could find no parallel for our present position in the financial history of the world: but he was sure he was right in affirming that if we were not a bullion producing community a crisis would long have been in mirvit. When the rate of interest was rising as it was low, to 6‡, and even in one case to 7 per cent., it was clear that the banks were not disposed to do their business for nothing, or confer an advantage on the colony without benefiting themselves, and they would raise their rates of discount, the circulation would be contracted, and impediments placed in the way of speculation. He questioned whether the Government were acting judiciously in keeping £2,000,000 in one bank. From these remarks it would appear that our reference to the subject in last month's summary was not too point-ed, or made too soon. We regret to say that the disturbing influence still exists, and that, no matter whether the object is to coerce a young bank to the dictation of an older and wealthier rival, or merely to prevent depositors removing their capital to rival establishments, the result is certain to be injurious in one direction or the other. Apart from the hostile attitude of the banks towards each other, there is no alteration in the money market. There is less disposition to invest in real estate, and it is not improbable that the land revenue for next year will be affected by the monetary institutions being less accommodating than they have been in the past. The stock and share brokers have been the principal sufferers up to the present. Their business has almost disappeared, and the recorded transactions of the past month would not have sufficed for an average week's business in days gone by.

Banks.—Although dividends are accruing, there has been no disposition to purchase, and the few sales reported do not indicate any substantial advance on last month's quotations. City rose from 8‡ to 8¼, and were held for a time at 9, but are now offering at 8‡. One sale of Commercial at 87 was all that was effected; at this price there are buyers. Joint Stock advanced slowly from 13‡ to 13¾, and New South Wales from 48 to 48¼, receding again to the lower figure. New Zealand have fallen from from 17¼ to 17¼, and are still offering at that price. New Mercantile 20s. were quitted at 10s. premium.

Debentures.—For Government securities the demand has been slight. Only one parcel of New South Wales (long-dated fives) were taken at 106¼. Queensland fours were firmer, and brought 89. City of Sydney sixes having three years' currency, changed hands at par. These were the only operations.

Insurance.—There has been some inquiry at lower rates than were acceptable to holders, consequently did not result in much business. Pacific improved to the extent of 1s., and have sellers at 21s.; General offering at 40s., with buyers at 4s. less; Sydney Fire sold at 57s. to 57s. 6d., and Mutual at 2s. 3d.

Gaslight.—Australasian fully paid and new issue are held for improved prices. Old stock found buyers at 13‡, new at 8‡. A private company has arranged to construct works on the North Shore, but have offered no shares up to the present.

Steam.—Australasians were in some demand at 18 for a time, recent transactions at 5s. higher. Illawarra brought 4‡, and are held for 5.

Mining.—Coal shares are very firm. Wallsend sold up to 21, and Waratah to 13‡. No sales of Bulli. The only other mining transactions worth mentioning were in Peak Downs, with a very unsteady market, ranging from 9s. 6d. to 8s., then back to 8s. 9d., with weak tendency at close. Gold nominal.

The course of sales during the past four weeks has been Banks: City 8‡, £8 16s., 8‡d.; Commercial, 87; Joint Stock, 13‡, 13‡, 13‡, 13‡, £13 9s.; New South Wales, 48, 48‡; New Zealand, 17‡, £17 13s. 6d., 17‡, £17 3s., £17 6s. 4d.; Mercantile, new issue, 35s.; Union, 58‡. Debentures: City of Sydney sixes (due 1878), 100; New South Wales long dated fives, 106‡; Queensland fours, 89. Insurance: Mutual Fire, 2s. 3d.; Pacific, 20s., 20s. 6d., 20s. 9d., 21s.; Sydney Fire, 57s., 57s. 6d., 58s.; Gaslight, old stock, fully paid, 13‡—new issue, 8‡d. Steam: Australasian, 18, 18‡, 18, 18‡, 18‡; Illawarra, 4‡. Mining: Wallsend Coal, 20‡, £20 18s. 6d., £21; Waratah, 13‡, 13‡; Peak Downs Copper, 9s. 6d., 9s., 8s. 9d., 8s. 6d., 8s., 8s. 6d., 8s. 7½d., 8s. 9d., 8s. 3d., 8s. 6d., 8s. 9d.; Lion Reef Gold, 4d.; Fischer-Beards, 3s., 3s. 3d.

* The following table shows the state of the market at close.

COMPANIES.	Capital (nom val.)	Capital paid up.	Shares paid up.	Prices.
BANKS.	£	£		
Australasia ...	1,200,000	1,200,000	£40	
Commercial ...	500,000	500,000	25	90, 87
City ...	240,000	240,000	8	8¼, 8‡
Joint Stock ...	500,000	500,000	8	13¾, 13¾
New South Wales...	1,000,000	1,000,000	20	48, 48‡
New Zealand ...	600,000	600,000	10	17‡, 17
Union ...	1,250,000	1,250,000	25	58, 54
Mercantile ...	120,000	120,000	£4	6
New ditto ...	80,000	20,000	£1	35
Oriental ...	1,500,000		25	
Queensland National ...	200,300	200,300	5	5‡ 5†
DEBENTURES.	Issue.	Due.	Interest.	
N. S. W., terminables ...	8,783,000	74 to 1902	5	106, 106‡
Ditto, Intermindables ...	240,830	inter.	5	103
Ditto, inscribed stock ...			4	95
Queensland Government ...	3,022,000	1881 to 91	6	109
Ditto ...	500,000		6	98
Ditto Treasury Bills ...	300,000	71 to 74	6	100‡
A. S. N. Co. ...	100,000	1879	5	98
City of Sydney ...	168,100	1871 to 7	6	100
Pyrmont Bridge ...	20,300	1874	6	
Clarence Steam ...	10,000	1874	6	
Colonial Sugar Co. ...	50,000	1874 to 77	6	
INSURANCE.				
General Marine ...	600,000	18,000	1‡	40, 39
New South Wales Marine ...	150,000	15,000	2	25, 20
Pacific Fire and Marine ...	1,000,000	31,742	5	21, 20
Sydney Fire ...	250,000	50,000	10	57, 56, 58
Sydney Marine ...	100,000	10,000	1‡	10, 9
United ...	500,000	25,000	1	14, 13
STEAM.				
Australasian ...	320,000	320,000	20	17½, 18‡
Clarence and Richmond ...	50,000	37,500	10	5½
Ditto, Preferential ...	8,330	8,330	10	12
Hunter River ...	55,000	55,000	10	7½, 8‡
Illawarra ...	57,000	57,000	5	4‡, 4¾
Clarence and N. E. ...	13,271	13,271	5	4‡
MISCELLANEOUS.				
Gaslight ...	168,000	168,000	£6	13¾, 14
Pyrmont Bridge ...	50,000	34,605	£5	5‡
Sydney Exchange ...	30,000	26,475	10	4‡ 5,
Cumbine Co. ...	30,000	27,000	£1	
MINING.				
Anvil Creek Coal ...	50,000	50,000	15	4, 7
Bulli ...	28,000	28,000	£10	13½, 14
Ditto, pref. (12½ per cent.) ...	8,420	8,420	£10	
Greta ...	50,000	50,000	£10	
S. S. W. Shale and Oil ...			£

A good passage was discovered into Broadsound between the Barren Islands, shortening the distance into the south about a mile; and Captain Bedwell thinks that when the new chart published it will probably be considered a more desirable passage than the present one. The survey has disclosed that great caution is required in navigating these waters, especially towards low water springs, and there are few places where greater vigilance is necessary. One redeeming feature seems to be in the great rise and fall of the tides, by which a vessel taking the ground has a good chance of floating again; and probably this is the reason why so few accidents of a serious kind have occurred.

Captain Bedwell states that no coast line has been surveyed during the cruise, except on the south-west side of No. 1 Percy; but soundings have been taken over 2130 miles. Some idea may be formed of the close nature of the work from the fact that the coast survey to Cape Palmerston, which was expected to be completed last year, will certainly not be finished till the end of the coming one.

On November 17, whilst sounding in the vicinity of Barren Island, a vessel was observed from the Pearl in shore, which afterwards proved to be the Lucy Ravel. She was two miles west of Pier Head. The cargo was scattered on the beach, but the vessel did not appear to have suffered much damage. Assistance was proffered, but declined as unnecessary. She has since been safely floated into deep water.

BIRTHS, MARRIAGES, AND DEATHS.

BIRTHS.

AARONS—Dec. 4, Sydney, Mrs. J. Aarons, of a daughter.
ABERCROMBIE—Dec. 16, St. Leonards, Mrs. D. J. Abercrombie, of a daughter.
ALDERSON—Dec. 19, Sydney, Mrs. W. H. Alderson, daughter.
ALLAN—Dec. 2, Goulburn, Mrs. J. T. Allan, of a daughter.
ALLAN—October 12, Edinburgh, Mrs. W. Allan, of a son.
ALLEYNE—Nov. 30, Nattai, Mrs. R. Alleyne, of a daughter.
ALNUTT—Dec. 4, New England, Mrs. R. H. V. Alnutt, of a daughter.
ANDERSON—Dec. 1, Waverley, Mrs. G. Anderson, of a daughter.
BARDON—Dec. 1, Castlereagh, Mrs. S. J. Bardon, of a son.
BATEMAN—Dec. 10, Darlinghurst, Mrs. J. E. Bateman, of a son.
BEAN—November 28, at Waverley, Mrs. C. H. Bean, of a son.
BEAUMONT—Dec. 8, Surry Hills, Mrs. J. Beaumont, of a son.
BETTS—Dec. 11, Molong, Mrs. H. S. M. Betts, of a son.
BISHOP—Dec. 7, Sydney, Mrs. A. Bishop, of a daughter.
BRAY—Dec. 9, Concord, Mrs. T. Bray, of a daughter.
BROADBENT—Nov. 29, Sydney, Mrs. J. Broadbent, of a son.
BLAXLAND—Nov. 23, Todwick, Mrs. R. Blaxland, of a son.
BURFITT—Dec. 7, Dubbo, Mrs. C. T. Burfitt, of a son.
BUTT—Dec. 7, Surry Hills, Mrs. G. E. Butt, of a daughter.
CARR-LAING—Nov. 19, Surry Hills, Mrs. Owen Carr-Laing, of a son.
CASE—Nov. 18, Mrs. W. W. Case, of a daughter.
CHAPMAN—Dec. 12, Mrs. T. P. Chapman, of a son.
CHRISTIE—Dec. 13, Paddington, Mrs. J. S. Christie, a daughter.
CLAMP—Nov. 30, Sydney, Mrs. J. Clamp, of a daughter.
CLEARY—November 25, Tamworth, Mrs. E. D. Cleary, of a son.
COHEN—Dec. 7, Sydney, Mrs. Enoch Cohen, of a daughter.
CURRAN—Dec. 14, Liverpool, Mrs. M. J. Curran, of a son.
DALY—Nov. 16, Berrima, Mrs. Edward B. Daly, of a daughter.
DERBY—Nov. 29, New England, Mrs. T. H. Derby, of a daughter.
DE LISSA—Dec. 13, Darlinghurst, Mrs. B. De Lissa, daughter.
DIBBS—November 30, Sydney, Mrs. T. A. Dibbs, of a daughter.
DONALDSON—Dec. 9, Gulgong, Mrs. L. S. Donaldson, of a son.
EDWARDS—Nov. 28, Sydney, Mrs. A. T. Edwards, of a daughter.
EDWARDS—Oct. 21, Putney, near London, Mrs. F. L. Edwards, of a daughter.
EDWARDS—Dec. 18, Glebe, Mrs. C. Edwards, of a daughter.
ELLIOT—Dec. 14, Sydney, Mrs. T. Elliot, of a daughter.
ENRIGHT—Nov. 21, Darlinghurst, Mrs. C. H. Enright, of a son.
FAULKS—Dec. 17, Kingston, Mrs. F. J. A. Faulks, of a son.
FERGUSON—Nov. 4, Queensland, Mrs. D. J. Ferguson, of a son.
FERGUSON—Nov. 30, Campbelltown, Mrs. J. Ferguson, of a daughter.
FIELD—Dec. 2, Mrs. W. Field, Redfern, of a daughter.
FITZGERALD—Dec. 7, Balmain, Mrs. S. C. Fitzgerald, of a son.
FOULIS—Nov. 21, South Kingston, Mrs. William Foulis, of a daughter.
FOWLER—Dec. 7, Randwick, Mrs. A. Fowler, of a son.
GASCOIGNE—Dec. 10, Waterloo, Mrs. A. Gascoigne, of a daughter.
GAWTHORPE—Nov. 16, Glebe, Mrs. R. Gawthorpe, of a son.
GEORGE—Dec. 3, Newcastle, Mrs. William George, of a son.
GILCHRIST—Dec. 13, Goulburn, Mrs. J. Gilchrist, son, stillborn.
GRAHAM—Dec. 5, Sydney, Mrs. J. Graham, of a daughter.
GRAY—Dec. 17, Redfern, Mrs. J. S. Gray, of a daughter.
HALL—Oct. 13, Newtown, Mrs. T. Hall, of a son.
HAMILTON—Oct. 21, Sydney, Mrs. E. R. Haughton, of a son.
HARDWICK—Dec. 7, Newtown Road, Mrs. H. W. Hardwick, of a daughter.
HIGGS—Nov. 26, Kangaroo Point, Brisbane, Mrs. M. E. Higgs, of a son.
HILLIER—Nov. 27, Glebe, Mrs. O. O. Hillier, of a son.
HUME—Nov. 20, Yass, Mrs. John K. Hume, of a son.
HUTCHINSON—November 28, West Maitland, Mrs. E. Hutchins, a son.
IVES—Dec. 6, Blue's Point, Mrs. I. E. Ives, of a daughter.
JOHNSTONE—Dec. 20, Penrith, Mrs. J. Johnstone, of a son.
KEARNEY—Nov. 28, Glen Innes, Mrs. T. J. Kearney, of a daughter.
KELL—Nov. 27, Glebe, Mrs. J. Kell, of a daughter.
KELLY—Nov. 5, Surry Hills, Mrs. C. Kelly, of a daughter.
LAMB—Nov. 30, Manar Cottage, Mrs. A. Lamb, of a daughter.
LEVEY—Dec. 10, Sydney, Mrs. J. L. Levey, of a daughter.
LEWIS—Nov. 27, Sydney, Mrs. E. Lewis, of a daughter.
MACKENZIE—Nov. 18, Strawberry Hills, Mrs. J. H. M'Kenzie, of a daughter.
M'LAUGHLIN—Dec. 21, St. Leonards, the wife of Judge M'Farlane, of a daughter.
M'LEOD—DAVIS—Dec. 11, Sydney, Mrs. A. M'Leod-Davis, of a daughter.
M'LEOD—Dec. 16, Sydney, the wife of H. N. M'Leurin, M.D., of a son.
M'MAHON—Dec. 9, Woolloomooloo, Mrs. J. T. M'Mahon, of a son.
MANNING—Nov. 11, Darlinghurst, Mrs. W. P. Manning, of a daughter.
MOORE—Dec. 9, Moore Park, Mrs. T. Moore, of a son.
MORRIS—Nov. 29, Merrindina, Mrs. A. L. Morris, of a daughter.
MURRAY—Dec. 3, Sydney, Mrs. J. D. Murray, of a daughter.
MURRAY—Nov. 17, Branxholme, Mrs. R. C. Murray, of a daughter.
MUSTON—Nov. 30, St. Leonards, Mrs. C. J. Muston, of a daughter.
NAILON—Nov. 22, Glebe, Mrs. Alfred Nailon, of a son.
NEWCOMBE—Nov. 17, Surry Hills, Mrs. A. Newcombe, of a daughter.
NEWLAND—Dec. 2, Sydney, Mrs. J. Newland, of a daughter.
NORRIS—Dec. 2, Marrangaroo, Mrs. C. G. Norris, of a son.
O'CONNELL—Dec. 9, Ultimo, Mrs. D. O'Connell, of a son.
OLIVER—Dec. 11, Redfern, Mrs. G. Oliver, of a son.
OLLIS—Dec. 1, Stroud, Mrs. Ollis, of a daughter.
PATON—Dec. 12, Paddington, Mrs. A. S. Paton, of a son.
PERRY—Dec. 9, Tweed River, the Hon. Mrs. E. Perry, of a son.
PHILLIPS—October 19, Hunter's Hill, Mrs. G. Phillips, of a daughter.
PHILLIS—Nov. 21, Woolloomooloo, Mrs. John Peck, of a son.
POPE—Dec. 14, North Shore, Mrs. Walter R. Pope, of a son.
PYKE—Nov. 19, Goulburn, Mrs. H. Pyke, of a son.
ELDER—Dec. 3, Lord Howe, Mrs. G. Ridge, of a son.
ROBERTS—Nov. 26, Hunter's Hill, Mrs. J. Roberts, of a daughter.
ROBINSON—Dec. 11, Ashfield, Mrs. Charles Robinson, of a son.
ROCHESTER—Dec. 12, Forest Lodge, Mrs. J. Rochester, of a daughter.
SEYMOUR—Dec. 8, Sandringham, Mrs. R. Seymour, of a daughter, stillborn.
SHAW—Dec. 5, at Surry Hills, Mrs. Samuel Shaw, of a son.
SHARPE—Dec. 15, Sydney, Mrs. Adam Sharpe, of a daughter.
SHEPHERD—Dec. 12, Surry Hills, Mrs. F. W. Shepherd, of a daughter.
SMART—Nov. 28, Mona, Mrs. J. R. Smart, of a son.
STANTON—Nov. 26, Surry Hills, Mrs. J. C. Stanton, of a son.
STREET—Dec. 6, Sydney, Mrs. Francis Street, of a daughter.
SUTTON—Dec. 9, Bathurst, Mrs. F. B. Sutton, of a son.
THOMPSON—Dec. 6, Camden, Mrs. W. H. Thompson, of a son.
TOOTH—Nov. 27, Maryborough, Queensland, Mrs. N. E. N. Tooth, of a son.
WARD—Nov. 14, Macquarie Plains, Mrs. T. F. Ward, of a son.
WEEKES—Oct. 30, Parramatta, Mrs. Nicholas Weekes, of a daughter.
WEIGHT—Dec. 8, Woollahra, Mrs. F. J. Weight, of a son.
WIGRAM—Dec. 14, Waterloo, Mrs. J. B. Wigram, of a daughter.
WINDEYER—Nov. 27, Raymond Terrace, Mrs. J. Windeyer, son.
WILSON—Nov. 21, Surry Hills, Mrs. A. Wilson, of a son.
WOOLLER—Dec. 4, Darlington, Mrs. John Wooller, of a son.
YATES—Dec. 9, Sydney, Mrs. L. Yates, of a son.

MARRIAGES.

ASHAHAWK—COLEMAN—Dec. 1, Melbourne, by the Rev. Mr. Benjamin, Mr. E. N. Abrahams, of Sydney, to Miss Annie Coleman, younger daughter of Coleman Coleman, Esq., of Melbourne.
ALLAN—JONES—Dec. 9, at St. Matthew's, Albury, by the Rev. A. D. Arch, Henry Alexander, eldest son of the late Alexander Allan, Esq., London, to Caroline, second daughter of the late David Bowen Jones, Bonegilla, Victoria.
BAYLY—BARRETT—December 15, at St. Luke's, Liverpool, by the Rev. C. F. D. Priddie, Paget N., only son of the late C. L. Bayly, of Liverpool, to Fannie, fifth daughter of the late William Barrett, of Minto.
BELL—ROGERS—Nov. 25, by the Rev. Dr. Fullerton, Mr. Henry Bell, of Miller's Point, to Lydia, relict of the late Mr. William Rodgers, of Sydney.
BELL—JACOBS—Nov. 10, by the Rev. M. J. Dwyer, Francis, eldest son of the late William Bell, to Charlotte, eldest daughter of Jesse Jacobs, of Sydney.
BENNETT—FAGAN—December 15, at Holy Trinity Church, Sydney, by the Rev. W. Alt worth, John William Bennett, eldest son of J. Bennett, of Swansea, Glamorganshire, England, to Annie, eldest daughter of W. Fagan, Darrel, near Parramatta.
BROWN—M'ENCROE—Nov. 29, at Cannonbar, by the Rev. Father Dunne, John Brown, Esq., Cannonbar, to Margaret, eldest daughter of Thomas M'Encroe, Esq., of Sydney.
BROWN—SIEVWRIGHT—Nov. 10, at Chiltern, Ovens district, Victoria, by the Rev. F. T. Jenkins, Mr. Enis Brown, of Balmain, Sydney, second surviving son of the late James Hugh Brown, to Jessie Hall Sievwright, eldest daughter of Mr. George Sievwright, Chiltern.
BROWN—SIEVWRIGHT—Nov. 10, at Chiltern, Ovens district, Victoria, by the Rev. F. T. Jenkins, Louis, second surviving son of the late J. H. Brown, to Jessie Hall, eldest daughter of Mr. G. Sievwright, Chiltern.
BROOKER—PAYNE—Dec. 8, at the residence of Mr. E. King, Wallalong, Morpeth, by the Rev. E. D. Madgwick, Mr. George Brooker, of the Ten Tree Station, Upper Paterson, to Miss Caroline Payne, late of Beckley, Sussex, England.
BUCKLEY—GILL—Nov. 10, St. Francis's Church, by the Rev. P. Carroll, Joseph N., eldest son of Mr. William Buckley, to Annie, second daughter of the late George A. Gill.
CARMICHAEL—DICKSON—Nov. 17, at Bolwarra House, by the Rev. James Benvie, Gavin Thomson Carmichael, of Porphyry, William River, to Ida Eliza Agnes, second daughter of the late David Dickson, of Bolwarra, Hunter River.
CARNEY—RYAN—Dec. 7, at St. Mary's, by the Rev. Father Birch, Patrick Carney, of Inverell, to Matilda Ryan, Sydney.
CONLAN—JENKINS—Nov. 27, at St. Francis' Church, Sydney, by the Rev. Father Carroll, Hugh Roland, the only son of Mr. E. Conlan, of Freeman's Reach, to Alice Matilda, sixth daughter of Mr. W. S. Jenkins, of Sydney.
COTTON—NAYLOR—Sept. 20, at St. Paul's, Carcoar, by the Rev. A. E. Blacket, B.A., Richard Cotton, of Wadagery, Forbes, to Minnie, only daughter of T. B. Naylor, Sydney.
COX—MOORE—Nov. 23, at Mangrohan, near Wagga Wagga, by the Rev. J. Dwyer, Richard, eldest son of John Cox, Esq., to Adeline Mary, eldest daughter of the late Lieutenant J. J. Moore, of Bath Bay, near Goulburn.
COX—TUCKERMAN—Nov. 24, at St. John's, Mudgee, by the Venerable Archdeacon Gunther, Joseph Milton, eldest son of the late Arthur Cox, to Margaret Sarah, eldest daughter of Stephen Edward Tuckerman, Mudgee.
DE LA GRANGE—STARK—August 14, at Bourke-street Wesleyan Church, by the Rev. John Gardiner, Alexandre Theodore Frederic Bernier de la Grange, to Euphemia Ann, third daughter of Mr. Robert Stark, of Sydney.
DICKSON—IREDALE—November 27, at 437, Bourke-street, Surry Hills, by the Rev. Dr. White, James P. Dickson, of Mudgee, to Emily H. only daughter of Mr. Robert Iredale.
DUCE—SIMS—Nov. 6, at St. Peter's, Sydney, by the Rev. G. H. Moreton, William, youngest son of Charles C. Druce, of Melbourne, to Elizabeth, the youngest daughter of David Sims, of Woolloomooloo.
DONALDSON—YOUNG—October 30, at St. Philip's, Sydney, by the Rev. Thomas W. Unwin, George Donaldson, second son of the late John Donaldson, of Sydney, to Margaret, second daughter of the late John Young, formerly of Wollongong.
DOYLE—OLDHAM—Nov. 25, at Whitedenburra Lodge, Lochinvar, John Nugent, fourth surviving son of James G. Doyle, Esq., to Margaret Maria, second surviving daughter of Peter Oldham, Esq., of Hobarton, Tasmania.
DEVINE—DEVINE—Nov. 17, at the residence of the bride's parents, by the Rev. William Hugill, James George, youngest son of the late Andrew F. Evans, Esq., to Emma Mary, second eldest daughter of Philip Devine, Esq.
FULTON—M'CORMACK—Nov. 23, at the residence of Alexander M'Grue, Esq., Brungle, by the Rev. D. E. Jones, James, eldest son of the late Hugh Fulton, of Glasgow, to Annie, only daughter of the late John M'Cormack, of Windsor.
GALE—WEBB—Dec. 14, at St. Mary's Magdalene Church, South Creek, by the Rev. J. Vaughan, William, third son of Thomas Whicker Gale, of Goulburn, to Sophia Ann, second daughter of the late Matthew Webb, of South Creek.
GOGGS—BAYLIS—Dec. 16, at Glenhead, Woollahra, by the Rev. J. G. Fraser, M.A., Karl Wilhelm Goergs, son of Herr Frederick Goergs, Sandau, North Germany, to Emily, daughter of the late Robert Baylis, Esq., Birkenhead, England.
GRAINGER—HARVEY—Dec. 1, by the Rev. Archibald Gilchrist, LL.D., of the Scots' Church, Sydney, Thomas Bannerman, youngest son of the late T. B. Grainger, of Cheadle, England, to Fanny Augusta, youngest daughter of W. G. Henfrey, of Sydney.
GORDON—NECKLES—Sept. 19, at St. James's, Sydney, by the Rev. Canon Allwood, Lovell Gordon, to Charlotte Maria, second daughter of the late Joseph Neckles.
HARMAN—MUSTON—Dec. 1, at St. Thomas's, St. Leonards, by the Rev. W. C. Cave-Brown Cave, M.A., John, eldest son of the late John Harman, Esq., of Levuka, Fiji, to Sarah Jane, sixth daughter of John Muston, Esq., of St. Leonards.
HASTINGS—SUTTON—Dec. 1, by the Rev. Joseph Barnier, Thomas James Hastings, second son of Captain Hastings, Liverpool, England, to Frances Elizabeth, second daughter of William Henry Sutton, Glebe.
HENDERSON—THOMSON—Nov. 27, by the Rev. Andrew Gardiner, M.A., Thomas A. Henderson, of Seven Oaks, Burwood, to Margaret Thomson, of Roseneath, Forest Lodge, Sydney, widow of the late Archibald Thomson.
HIGGINS—EDWARDS—Nov. 24, at St. Paul's, Redfern, by the Rev. Canon Stephen, James Jerome, third son of the late J. J. Higgins, of Berrima, to Adelaide, fourth daughter of the late William Edwards, of Surry Hills.
HORTON—UNWIN—Dec. 9, Trinity Church, Sydney, by the Rev. E. Rogers, Theodore, second son of the Rev. T. Horton, to Mary Warburton, eldest daughter of the Rev. T. W. Unwin, St. Luke's, Sydney.
JAMIESON—STEWART—August 19, at the residence of the bride's parents, by the Rev. R. S. Paterson, Walter, only son of the late Walter Jamieson, Sydney, to Annie, eldest daughter of Mr. Robert Stewart, Tyrmont.
JACKLE—MUDDELL—Dec. 1, at Christ Church, Gosford, Alfred S. Jaques, eldest son of the late Henry Jaques, of Shidhaven, to Eliza Ann Muddell, second daughter of the late William Muddell, of Gosford, Brisbane Water.
JENKINS—DAVISON—Dec. 12, at St. Peter's, Woollomooloo, Sydney, by the Rev. George H. Moreton, Clement, youngest son of Joseph Jenkins, to Ann Davison, third daughter of Mr. William Davison, of Dover, Kent, England.
JENKINS—JACKSON—November 11, at St. John the Evangelist's, Lambton, by the Rev. J. Ryan, Albert Theodore, fifth son of the late Charles Jenkins, Esq., Sydney, to Jane Veronica, eldest daughter of the late John Simpson Jackson, Esq., Sydney.
JONES—HUTCHINSON—Nov. 16, at St. Matthew's, Windsor, by the Rev. C. F. Garnsey, Henry, fifth son of William Jones, Cole River, to Anne, second daughter of the late William Hutchinson, Sackville Reach.
LARKIN—PURCELL—August 16, by special license, at the Sacred Heart Church, by the Very Rev. Dean Forde, Patrick Ryan Larkin, of Sydney, to Ellen Theresa, eldest daughter of Mr. John Purcell, Surry Hills, Sydney.
LEITH—PISTACHIE—January 19, 1874, by the District Registrar of Newtown, John Forbes Leith, Esq., of Emu Valley, Fish River, to Ellen Mary, relict of the late Charles Alfred Pistachie, of Cook's River.
LOUDEN—GILLETT—Nov. 27, at the residence of the bride's sister, by the Rev. Mr. Bourne, Alexander, eldest son of Mr. John Louden, of Fitzroy, Melbourne, to Eliza Amelia, youngest daughter of the late Mr. John Gillett.
MELVILLE—MADDOCKS—October 7, at St. Paul's, Redfern, by the Rev. Canon Stephen, David Melville, the eldest son of the late Robert Melville, of Redfern, to Hannah Jane, third daughter of Joseph Maddocks, of Parramatta.
MORLEY—M'LELLAND—Nov. 17, at the Wesleyan Church, Newcastle, by the Rev. H. H. Gaud, Frederick, third son of the late Mr. Daniel Morley, of Cambridgeshire, England, to Lucretia Isabella, youngest daughter of the late Mr. T. J. M'Clelland, of Newcastle.
NELSON—HUNTER—November 20, at St. Peter's, Woollomooloo, by the Very Rev. Dean Cowper, Joshua, youngest son of the late Mr. George Nelson, to Eliza Jane, youngest daughter of Mr. Francis Hunter, both of Sydney.
NEWLAND—LONG—Dec. 8, at St. Paul's, Redfern, by the Rev. Canon Stephen, M.A., Philip James, eldest son of William Newland, Sydney, to Marianne May, second eldest daughter of Samuel Long, Esq., Botany.
O'REA—HOPE—December 8, at St. Philip's Church, by the Rev. Canon O'Reilly, James O'Rea, Esq., to Elizabeth Stewart Hope, of Narrabri.
PARKINSON—GREGG—Nov. 17, at the residence of the bride's parents, Sydney, by the Rev. Dr. Steel George, second son of the late Mr. William Parkinson, of Sydney, to Christina, the younger daughter of Mr. James Gregg.
PELL-EAKLE—PYLE—Dec. 4, at the Presbyterian Church, Sydney, by the Rev. Dr. Fullerton, LL.D., Henry, second son of the Rev. Thomas Pyle-Baker, Worcestershire, England, to Fanny, second daughter of the late Thomas Pyle, of Newtown.
PICKUP—SELWYN—Nov. 29, at Christ Church, Sydney, by the Rev. Mr. Allen, Henry Thomas, eldest son of William Pickup, of Sydney, to Catherine Ann, youngest daughter of the late Frederick John Selwyn, of St. Louis, Missouri, United States.
RENAUD—TERNEN—Nov. 23, at the residence of the bride's parents, Belmain, by the Rev. Dr. Lang, Mr. Richard Randell, a native of London, to Frances Lucy Ternen, daughter of the late Mr. William Ternen, a native of Balmain.
ROBINSON—WARING—Dec. 9, Surry Hills, by the Rev. Thomas Jefferson Lawson Edwards, second son of Captain Ralph Robinson, of Sydney, to Ada, adopted daughter of George Waring, Esq., J.P., late of Wollongong.
ROBINSON—GALLOTT—Dec. 9, at Surry Hills, by the Rev. Thomas Johnson, Lawson Edward, second son of Captain Ralph Robinson, Sydney, to Ada, third daughter of James Gallott, Woollomooloo.
SPALLING—LONGLEY—Nov. 24, at the residence of the bride's parents, by the Rev. George James, Rev. W. Spurling, to Mary, youngest daughter of Mr. James Longley, of Orange Hill, Hyde Park.
STRATFORD—STRATFORD—Dec. 18, at St. Mary's, Balmain, by the Rev. Thomas Kemmis, Henry Edward Stratford, to Wilhelmina Lyne, eldest daughter of the late F. A. Stratford.
STUGLES—DUNCAN—Nov. 30, at the Congregational Church, Pitt-street, Sydney, by Rev. R. Rogers, Samuel, eldest son of Samuel Stuagles, Illawarra, to Clara Caroline, sixth daughter of Matthew John Duncan, Surry Hills.
SUTTOR—SUTTOR—Dec. 14, at Christ Church, Wattle Flat, by the Bishop of Bathurst, Herbert Cochrane, fourth son of W. H. Suttor, Esq., of Brucedale, to Emilie Henrietta, second daughter of J. B. Suttor, Esq., of Wyagdon.
TALTA—CAMPBELL—Nov. 6, by the Rev. Father Loeming, of St. Joseph's, Woollahra, Simon, son of Mr. Talty, Woolloomooloo, to Margaret Campbell, daughter of Mr. James Campbell, of Tamworth.
TAYLOR—SUTTON—Nov. 26, Goulburn, by the Rev. John Pennington, John Simpson, eldest son of the late John Patterson Taylor, to Mary Jane, eldest daughter of William Henry Sutton, Glebe.
VARLEY—LONGFORD—Nov. 24, at St. Luke's, Sydney, by the Rev. Thomas Unwin, George Henry, the eldest son of William Varley, Pyrmont, to Eleanor Josephine, youngest daughter of John Longford, sydney.
WEBSTER—OWEN—Dec. 16, at the residence of the bride's mother, Kingston, Newtown, by the Rev. J. A. Dowie, William Crowther, eldest son of Francis Bake Webster, of Melbourne, to Mary Ann, eldest daughter of the late G. W. Owen.
YOUNG—WOLSTENHOLME—Nov. 25, at the residence of the bride's parents, by the Rev. George Lane, Richard Alexander Young, West Maitland, to Agnes, second daughter of Mr. James Wolstenholme, of West Maitland.

DEATHS.

ALZANO—Nov. 26, Sydney, Mary Jane, wife of Michael William Frederick Alzano, aged 28.
ANDERSON—Nov. 30, Sydney, Florence Louisa, eldest daughter of C. S. and M. Anderson, aged 6 years and 3 months.
ANDERSON—Nov. 24, Newstead, Mrs. Mary Anderson, aged 57.
ANDERSON—Dec. 11, Sydney, Edward George, youngest son of C. S. and M. Anderson, aged 14 months and 14 days.
ANDERSON—Sydney, Annie M., wife of William Anderson, in her 32nd year.
ARMSTRONG—Waterloo, James W. J. G. Armstrong, only son of John and Sarah Armstrong, aged 5 months and 8 days.
BARKER—Dec. 6, Parramatta, Nina Watkin, second daughter of the late John Charles Barker, aged 8 years.
BENNETT—Nov. 24, Parramatta, Mary, wife of Charles Bennett, and eldest daughter of the late G. T. Armytage.
BISSET—Oct. 3, at Edinburgh, N.B., Elizabeth Aitken, relict of the late Mr. Alexander Bisset.
BLUNT—Nov. 27 Goulburn, Lily Myra, daughter of George and Ellen Blunt, aged five months and three weeks.
BOSELEY—Dec. 15, Sydney, Basil Francis, infant son of Ion B. Boseley, aged six weeks.
BRAHAM—Dec. 15, South Kingston, Emily Pauline, daughter of E. A. and M. Braham, aged 3 years and 3 months.
BRAND—Hill End, Mr. Robert Brand, aged 45.
BROWER—Dec. 11, Sydney, Mr. C. E. Augustus Brewer, aged 35 years.
BREWER—Sept. 28, Cheltenham, England, Miss Sarah Brewer, aged 81 years.
BRIGGS—Dec. 5, Forest Lodge, Harold H., third surviving son of F. and M. W. Bridges, aged 4 years and 5 months.
BROWNE—Dec. 13, at Liverpool, N. S. W., Mary, wife of Mr. Clarence Browne, aged 29 years.
BRUNKER—Dec. 5, East Maitland, Edgar Alfred, youngest son of J. N. and E. H. Brunker, aged 6 years 1 month 14 days.
BURROWS—Nov. 27, Redfern, John Burrows, aged 66 years, native of Lambeth, London.
BYRNE—Dec. 1, Enmore, William Dominick Byrne, aged 8 years and 5 months; also, on 4th, Ada Mary, aged 3 years and 7 months; children of John and Mary Ann Byrne.
CAHILL—Dec. 4, Sydney, Mr. John Cahill, aged 47.
CAMPBELL—Dec. 9, Sydney, Ada Florence, only child of Arthur and Clara Campbell, aged 8 months.
CHACKLEY—Dec. 3, Sydney, Elizabeth Chackley, native of Cork, Ireland, aged 45 years.
CHRISTIE—Dec. 14, Paddington, Catherine Fairweather, daughter of the late A. Christie, Esq., Dundee, Scotland, aged 59.
CLARE—Dec. 10, Darlington, Florence Emily, daughter of R. and L. Clare, aged 3 years and 5 months.
CLINT—Sydney, Adelaide Matilda, daughter of Alfred and Mary Jane Clint, aged 10 months.
COPEMAN—Dec. 18, Glebe, Robert Copeman, aged 65.
COLLINS—Dec. 19, Sydney, James Collins, late of Morpeth.
COLLIE—Nov. 22, at North Grafton, William, second son of the late Mr. John Collie, of Forglen, Banffshire, aged 69 years.
COX—Dec. 5, Grenfell, Thomas Cox, a native of Teignmouth, Devonshire, England, aged 66 years.
COUCH—Nov. 25, Surry Hills, Annie Elizabeth, wife of George Couch, of Shellharbour, aged 35 years.
COULTER—Dec. 26, Sydney, Thomas, infant son of Thomas and Ellen Coulter, aged 11 months.
CRISFORD—Dec. 5, Richmond, Mary Ann, wife of Caleb Crisford, aged 49 years.
CRONIN—Dec. 11, Sydney, John Cronin, aged 70 years.
DAMPIER—Alfred Digby Dampier, native of Bruton, Somerset, in his 34th year.
DALEY—Nov. 24, Berrima, Ellen Ada Josephine, wife of Edward B. Daley, aged 33 years.
DAVIS—Nov. 12, Woolloomooloo, Harriet, wife of the late John Davis, aged 65 years.
DE ST. CROIX—Dec. 3, Surry Hills, Mrs. Mary de St. Croix, aged 64 years.
DONALDSON—Dec. 9, Burwood, Florence Ethel St. Clare, daughter of H. T. and A. Donaldson, aged 11 months.
DOYLE—William Joseph Doyle, eldest son of the late Patrick Doyle.
DUNHAM—December 1, Hannah, wife of John L. Dunham, Pyrmont, in her 35th year.
EASTWAY—Dec. 6, Woolloomooloo, May Louisa Rosina, daughter of Albert and Jane Eastway, aged 2 years and 11 months.
EVANS—Dec. 16, Enmore, Fanny Kate, daughter of Alfred Essex and Fanny Laura Evans, aged 2 years and 4 months.
FAIRWEATHER—Dec. 19, Paddington, the wife of Alexander Fairweather, aged 59 years.
FALLS—Dec. 16, Sydney, Albert Edward, son of the late Alexander Falls, of West Maitland, aged 19 years.
FARRELLY—Dec. 3, Moore Park, Christana Victoria, second youngest daughter of James and Eliza Farrelly, aged 3 years and 7 months.
FOUCART—April 14, Cheltenham, England, Harriet Patience Bryant, wife of Dr. Foucart, of Macquarie-street, Sydney.
FULFORD—Dec. 7, Gimerol, Gwydir district, Thomas Fulford, aged 68, a native of Essex.
FURLONG—Dec. 1, Surry Hills, Mary, daughter of Charles and Anne Furlong, aged 19 years.
GANNON—Dec. 26, Cook's River, Alfred Charles, son of Alfred and Elizabeth Gannon, aged 5 years and 10 months.
GANDON—Woolloomooloo, Andrew Joseph, infant son of Andrew J. and Mary Ann Gandon, aged 15 months.
GILES—Dec. 12, Mr. Francis Giles, sen., in his 79th year.
GLANVILLE—October 27, Cooma, Monaro, Elisa, wife of Mr. W. Glanville, and third daughter of the late Mr. M. Naptha.
GOLDSMITH—Dec. 15, Joseph Goldsmith, aged 84 years.
GRACIE—October 26, Islington, Liverpool, England, W. Gracie, aged 76 years.
HAGEN—Nov. 30, Firedock, Sophie Dorothea Caroline, wife of John Hagen, aged 57 years.
HALL—Sept. 27, Thomas Hall, native of Hull, Yorkshire, aged 43 years.
HALL—Dec. 16, Sydney, Ethel Stella Fanny, Harry V. and Fanny E. Hall, aged 3 months and 3 weeks.
HANZON—Nov. 26, Sydney, Henry M. Hanzon, aged 45.
HANCOCK—October 11, Clerkenwell, London, Mr. Henry Hancock, aged 51 years.
HARDY—Dec. 19, Ultimo, Arthur, youngest son of James and Eleanor Hardy, aged 7 months.
HITCHCOCK—Nov. 25, Burwood, Ann, widow of the late Mr. William Hitchcock, of Melbourne, aged 50 years.
HOWARD—Nov. 27, Balmain, Elizabeth, wife of Mr. William Howard, sen., aged 72 years.
IRELAND—Nov. 27, Nundle, Agnes, wife of Robert Ireland, aged 47 years.
IRELAND—Dec. 19, Surry Hills, Alexander Thomas, eldest son of H. H. and H. Ireland, aged 22 years.
JAMES—Nov. 27, Surry Hills, William James, native of Baltinglass, county Wicklow, Ireland, aged 61 years.
JENNINGS—Dec. 12, Cook's River, John Jennings, aged 53 years.
JENKINS—Nov. 8, Camden, Mr. W. Jenkins, senior, aged 66 years.
JENKINS—Nov. 2, Glebe Point Road, Sarah Jane, relict of the late Dr. Jenkins, of Sydney.
KEELE—Dec. 11, Potts Point, Joseph Johnson Keele, in the 22nd year of his age.
KELL—Dec. 18, Strawberry Hill, Donald Kell, sen., aged 64 years.
KERRY—Nov. 24, Norwood, Margaret, relict of the late Samuel Kerry, aged 83.
KITE—Dec. 16, Glebe, George Frederick, H. N. and A. Kite, aged 6 months and 3 weeks.
LANDERS—Dec. 8, Ultimo, James, youngest son of George N. Landers, aged 1 year and 7 months.
LILLIE—Oct. 1, Lyhster, the Rev. William Lillie, D.D., aged 73 years.
LOGAN—Nov. 26, Allyn River, Jane Anne, wife of Robert Logan.
LONDON—December 2, Glebe, William Longdon, aged 23.
LORIMER—Oct. 17, Osborne Road, Southsea, London, Charlotte Henderson, wife of Alexander Lorimer, Esq., M.D., aged 60.
LOTZE—Nov. 27, Cook's River Road, Marian Ellen, youngest child of Edward and Ellen Lotze, aged 6 years and 6 months.
LYNCH—Nov. 24, Darlington, Mary, the second daughter of John and Mary Lynch, aged 19 years and 6 months.
LYNCH—December 2, Mr. Martin Lynch, aged 65 years.
MACKENZIE—Dec. 11, Woollahra, Tom Light Mackenzie.
MACKENZIE—Dec. 16, Sydney, Walter Fawkes Edwards, second son of Dr. W. F. Mackenzie, aged 7 years.
M'ALISTER—October 31, Bradbury, Charles, son of Robert and Elizabeth M'Alister, aged 10 months and 1 week. December 1, Elizabeth, wife of Robert M'Alister, aged 28 years.
M'FARLANE—Nov. 30, Sydney, Duncan M'Farlane, aged 48 years, a native of Oban, Argyleshire, Scotland.
M'KEEN—Dec. 8, Marrickville, Robert Henry, son of Frederick and Sarah M'Keen, aged 2 months.
M'LEAN—Nov. 30, Illawalla, Mr. Walter M'Lean, aged 80 years.
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M'MENEMY—Dec. 9, Sydney, Joseph Austin, infant son of James J. M'Menemy, aged 3 months.
M'QUARRIE—Dec. 9, Redfern, Archibald Alexander, eldest son of A. and E. M'Quarrie, aged 2 years and 8 months.
M'ALISTER—Dec. 13, Sydney, Harriet, infant daughter of H. N. M'Leurin, M.D.
M'PHERSON—Sydney, Lilla C. M'Pherson, aged 11 years and 5 months.
MAN—December 3, Sydney, Stewart Man.
MANTON—Dec. 15, Parramatta, Frank Edgar Allen, eldest son of John R. and Mary L. Manton, aged 7 years.
MARTIN—Dec. 6, Caroline Ashbey, daughter of Ames B. and Ellen Martin, aged 4 years and 3 months.
MOCLAIR—Dec. 8, Sydney, Sarah Ann, wife of John Moclair (relict of the late William Jennings), aged 48 years.
MOORE—Dec. 9, Darlinghurst, George Nelson, to Eliza Jane, youngest daughter of George Moore, Esq., a

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AGENTS:—W. T.

THE RAILWAY OMNIBUS.—A correspondent complains that on his arrival at Sydney yesterday morning by the 7.40 train, there was no omnibus at the station, although there were passengers sufficient to fill one. He further says that when leaving business in the evening it is useless to try to get a seat in the railway 'bus after it leaves King-street. He thinks sufficient accommodation ought to be provided.

FOUND DROWNED.—About 11 o'clock yesterday morning a child named Henry Chiswick, aged 2 years and 5 months, son of George Chiswick, sailmaker of Balmain, was found drowned near his parents' residence, in a hole of water about 10 feet square and 1 foot deep. The deceased was discovered by a girl, Harriet Nash. Dr. Jones was called in, and he pronounced life to be extinct. An inquest will be held this morning, at 9 o'clock, at the West End Hotel, Balmain.

WASTE OF WATER.—A correspondent desires to call the attention of the inspector or other officer who's duty it is to look after the matter to the very great waste of water at the Glebe Island Bridge, which, he says, is caused by using a very defective and badly made hose-pipe as a junction in the Balmain watermain.

PUBLIC DEBATE.—On Wednesday evening in the Pitt-street Congregational Schoolroom, Mr. Jackson in the chair, there took place an interesting public debate on the question, "Is Woman mentally inferior to Man." There was a good attendance. The debate was between the Young Men's Christian Association Debating Club and the Pitt-street Debating Society; the former of whom took up the affirmative, and the latter the negative aspect of the subject. The speakers on the side of the Young Men's Christian Association were Messrs. Kirkpatrick (opener), Beaver, Muston, and Tickerhead; while Messrs. Gilham (opener), Satchell, Robertson, and Catley were their opponents. At the close of the eighth speech a division was called for, and the result declared to be in favour of the affirmative view of the question.

REDFERN LITERARY ASSOCIATION.—Last Wednesday evening, the usual weekly meeting of the above was held in the Town Hall. There was a good attendance, and the president, Mr. G. J. Sly, occupied the chair. The reading of the *Phœnix* formed the business, and a very pleasant and profitable evening was spent. The articles deserving of mention were those "On the Influence of Association," "Self-conquest," "Education and Crime," and the "Leader." A lengthy discussion followed the reading, taken part in by Messrs. Jones, Mallarky, Christie, Morgan, T. Williamson, and Norris.

THE SYDNEY ART ACADEMY.—The Art Academy in the above city (says the *Art Journal*), has been in existence about four years, but has lately commenced operations on an extended scale. During the fifteen months preceding the month of May last, the council had expended nearly £600 in remunerating the services of artists, and in distributing works of art in the colony. Arrangements have been made for the establishment of a school of design and modelling in connection with the academy. Casts have been obtained which will be available to students, and gentlemen distinguished as artists have been engaged to conduct the necessary classes. We understand that the course of teaching in the academy is not only to comprise what are generally known as painting and sculpture; but that painting in oil and water colours, engraving, drawing, photography, and architecture, are all to be represented. A number of students in some of these branches of art-education are at present at work, and a prospect of considerable usefulness is evidently before the institution. Hopes are entertained of procuring a Government grant in aid of the institution, a member of the Legislature, Mr. Watson, having given notice that he will move for a vote of £1000 for the purpose.

ALMANACS.—In addition to the Almanacs noticed in our issue of yesterday, we have to acknowledge the receipt from the agents, Messrs. Mackenzie, Goddard, and Co., of almanacs published by the London and Lancashire Fire Co., and the Norwich Union Fire Insurance Society. The latter almanac is got up in an exceedingly artistic style, with a beautiful chromo-lithographed view of Norwich Cathedral, as a centrepiece. Messrs. Mackenzie, Goddard, and Co. have likewise forwarded a smaller specimen of the same almanac, with a picture of Norwich Cathedral. The most artistic specimen we have received, is the almanac published by Messrs. Cowan and Co., paper makers and wholesale stationers. It has a richly illuminated border, and at the head are two most interesting illustrations—one representing the style of paper-making in the 17th century, and the other the extensive paper making machine and dryer at the Valleyfield Mills, in 1875.

THE TOBACCO MANUFACTURING INTERESTS.—In our notice in yesterday's *Herald* of the tobacco manufacturing interests of Sydney, a slight inaccuracy occurs, which it would be just as well to correct. In speaking of Messrs. Cameron, Dunn, and Co.'s works, it is said that the appliances of the firm enable them to turn out 5000 lbs. of manufactured tobacco per week; it should have read "5000 lbs. per day." It may also be mentioned for her, that this firm have about £50,000 worth of unmanufactured tobacco in bond at the present time, which they had imported on the faith of the continuance of the one shilling duty; they have also a large cash capital afloat in the payment of duties and labour—all of which are interests that would be affected by the proposed change in the duties.

TWO DUSKY WEDDINGS.—Two weddings have this week been celebrated among the dusky sojourners at the immigration depot at Rockhampton. The bridegrooms speak English (says the *Northern Argus*), but the beloved brides know only that they were being "hitched." That was enough; but to make amends for any lack of understanding the reverend gentleman caused the nuptial knot to be sealed with a kiss. The usual certificate of marriage was then given to each couple, and there is little doubt that it will be preserved as a sort of talisman. One of the marriages celebrated was between a South Sea Islander, in the service of Captain Rundle, and one of the dark-skinned beauties of the Flora, whose native isle lies beyond the equatorial line. In this instance Cupid's dart seems to have proved instantly fatal; in other words, it was a case of love at first sight. As regards the other marrriage, the "lucky swain" was a Polynesian sailor—resembling a half-caste—belonging to the Flora, and is reputed to have some money. He fell under the spell of a plump little Ocean Islander, and his torment began at sea. In each case the "ladies" had to be purchased on the usual terms, and the couples are fortunate in meeting with engagements which rendered separation unnecessary. The sailor and his spouse go to a situation at Springsure. The pair first united don't speak the same language. Albert, they seem to have understood each other pretty well.

THE NORTH BORDER TRAFFIC.—On the 13th instant six drays laden with tin ore passed through Tenterfield en route to Warwick, and others have followed in the same direction. Up drays from Brisbane (says the *Star*) are to hand, conveying merchandise for the storekeepers in Tenterfield, at Vegetable Creek, and other places. This is a serious loss to the colony which might be saved if good roads to the Clarence were made. Surely this ought to be granted by way of amends for shelving the railway.

THE MISSES LINGARD.—The farewell performances of these talented ladies will take place this evening at the Victoria Theatre. His Excellency the Governor and the Hon. Lady Robinson have signified their intention of being present. The programme, as will be seen on reference to the announcement, is a most attractive one.

THE DE MURSKA CONCERTS.—Mdlle. De Murska apparently was determined to signalize her last concert at this house with a double measure of good work, and rewarded her admirers with the shadow scene from "Dinorah," and the mad scene from "Lucia." It is in the delineation of the phases of dementia presented in these two characters that her acting is specially excellent, and her singing is invariably more dramatic when she has the accessories of scenery and costume. The Ombra Leggiero was slightly spoiled of its effect by the intrusion of a very bulky shadow indeed at the side wings and by a slight hitch in the time light effect, but so far as the *prima donna* was concerned it never went better and appeared to impress the audience immensely. The scene from Lucia which occupies nearly the whole fourth act shows the lady at her very best. She rushes in pale and distracted, a hectic spot burning on either cheek, the poignard with which she has just slain Arturo dropping from her hand and her crazed brain forming thoughts which find a seemingly unconscious utterance in the melodious *fioriture* with which Donizetti has adorned the matchless situation. Mdlle. de Murska's blonde chevelure, dark eyes, flowing drapery, and unconventional actions, entirely satisfy the sight and her execution of the music is absolutely accurate yet entirely without effort. The applause amounted to interruption and one gentleman just before the final passage of the cabaletta *sparge d'amore* was so overcome with enthusiasm as to lodge his bouquet with well meant but ill-advised aim right in the nape of the vocalist's neck, a *contretemps* which she treated with capital unconcern. Susini and Rosnati each filled their share of the programme very creditably, and Giammona, in addition to his excellent solos, played a violoncello obligato to the Shadow air, and the flute obligato to the Lucia scene with his usual accuracy. Giorza played the accompaniments, and, in addition, a barcarole of Rubinstein's, and the pasquinade of Gottschalk's, which is so remarkably like a popular movement by Sebastian Bach as to suggest that somebody has done a little innocent plagiarism. All the accomplished party, and a great many more clever folk as well, appear at the Exhibition Building on Christmas night, when Mdlle. de Murska will sing "Angels ever bright and fair," and "With verdure clad." The hall is to be thrown open at popular prices.

THE CHEVALIER BLONDIN—As usual there was a great number of persons in the monster enclosure last night to witness the daring feats of the "Hero of Niagara." The programme was mainly the same as that we have previously described, and every feat was performed by the Chevalier with his customary dexterity, eliciting as usual unbounded applause.

RISLEY'S MIRROR OF ENGLAND.—The attendance at the School of Arts, last night, to witness the panorama, entitled the "Mirror of England," was not so large as on some previous occasions; nevertheless, the really artistic scenery, depicting as it does some of the choicest bits of English landscape, were viewed with evident delight by the spectators, and received with marked applause.

LATEST INTELLIGENCE.

REUTER'S TELEGRAM
TO AUSTRALIAN ASSOCIATED PRESS.

THE EASTERN QUESTION.

LONDON, DECEMBER 22.

In a second speech made by the Earl of Derby, Minister for Foreign Affairs, he said that it was his belief that all the Powers interested were sincere in their desire for a peaceful solution of the Eastern question; but at present temporary expedients were alone possible.

OPERATIONS AT PERAK.

SINGAPORE, DECEMBER 22.

Military operations at Perak still continue.

AUSTRALIAN ASSOCIATED PRESS TELEGRAMS.

GULGONG.

THURSDAY.

Michael Maloney, an old resident and storekeeper, was killed to-day, at Cudgegong, by the overturning of his dray.

YOUNG.

THURSDAY.

A youth named Samuel Byers, in the employ of Mr. Watson, was drowned yesterday while bathing in a dam. An inquest has been held, and a verdict of accidental drowning returned.

BRISBANE.

THURSDAY.

The Romeo cleared for London with 2050 bales wool.

The creditors have placed Medhurst's estate in the Insolvency Court.

The tin ore received at Warwick, last week, amounted to 114 tons.

MELBOURNE.

THURSDAY.

The Council to-day passed the Tolls Bill through all its stages; the increased Assessment Bill was carried; the Governor will assent to the bill to-night.

In the Assembly Mr. Tucker moved his further amendment on the Budget, which is now being debated; nothing further will be done to-night.

In reply to a question, the Attorney-General said that there were ten Chinese lottery shops in Melbourne, and some four or five hundred Chinese getting a living from them.

The Premier stated that it was the intention of the Government to alter the Electoral Act early next session.

A shower fell this morning, it is now fine and cool.

The members of the Assembly, last night, agreed to adjourn to the 11th January.

They passed the Tolls Bill through all its stages, for continuing the collection of tolls for six months longer.

The University Act Amendment Bill, permitting women to graduate, has passed the Assembly.

A fire yesterday evening at East Collingwood destroyed five small wooden cottages with the contents. They were all uninsured.

In an action for libel, brought by Mr. O'Malley, station-master of Victorian railways, against the *Williamstown Chronicle*, which was partly owned by Mr. A. T. Clarke, a member of the Assembly, a verdict has been given for defendants.

Two boys were drowned at Warrnambool whilst bathing.

The weather is close, and a thunderstorm is threatening.

ARRIVED.—Barrabool (s.), and Somerset s.

SAILED.—Omeo, for the Bluff.

QUEENSCLIFF.

THURSDAY.

ARRIVED.—Tararua (s.), Flinders (s.), from Adelaide; Batavia (German barque), and Christina, Frank Pendleton (American ship), from Glefle; at 6 p.m., City of Adelaide (s.).

SAILED.—San Juan (brig), Loch Naw (barque), and King Oscar (barque), for Newcastle.

ADELAIDE.

THURSDAY.

Dr. Jung has resigned the School Inspectorship

The barque Dunmure, from Newcastle, coal laden, stranded on Gawler Flats; it is expected she will get off with a tug.

Large fires are doing damage to stations in the Port Lincoln district.

Weather very cool, with rain.

Wheat dull

THE INTERCOLONIAL CRICKET MATCH.

[BY TELEGRAPH.]

MELBOURNE, THURSDAY.

The cricketers proceeded this morning to a picnic to Mr. D. C. Macarthur's residence, Heidelberg.

The Sydney cricketers will not finally pick their eleven till to-morrow evening. They are all confident of success, and working well together.

Mr. Curtis Read is umpire for Victoria, and not Mr. Wills, as stated yesterday.

IMPORTATION OF LIVE STOCK INTO TASMANIA.—A proclamation has been published in the Tasmanian *Government Gazette* prohibiting the importation into any part of Tasmania of all cattle imported for any purpose other than slaughter from any of the Australian colonies and New Zealand, under the provisions of the proclamation of the 5th April last, unless the owner of the cattle produces to the inspecting-officer, on arrival, a certificate in writing, signed by a duly qualified veterinary surgeon, to the effect that such cattle were inspected and examined by him immediately before shipment, and that, at that time, they were free from any contagious or infectious disease. A second proclamation prohibits the importation of the carcases of cattle, sheep, or pigs, from any of the colonies before mentioned.

COPPER ORE.—Return of copper ore received at Sydney Station for week ending 18th December:—Goulburn, 61 pieces regulus, 8 tons 2 cwt.; Bogan, 3103 ingots copper, 20 tons 14 cwt.; Bowenfels, 1235 ingots copper, 10 tons 15 cwt. 1 qr. Total, 30 tons 9 cwt. 1 qr.

TIN ORE.—Tin ore for week ending 18th December:—Murrurundi to Newcastle, 17 tons 10 cwt. 3 qrs. 23 lbs.; Morpeth, 39 tons 3 cwt. 3 qrs. 26 lbs. Total, 56 tons 14 cwt. 3 qrs. 20 lbs.

IMPROVING THE WILDERNESS.—The correspondent of the *Dubbo Advertiser* at Bulgandramine says he has recently made two trips to Forbes, and "the country is badly supplied with water; in fact, you might go twenty miles without a drink." But it will not be so in future. Mr. John Keble, a brother of George Keble, of Bathurst, has free-selected on the road, and put up a fine building that would do no discredit to Dubbo. Mr. Keble has a wife and smiling children around him, and his hospitality will be greatly appreciated in a place which hitherto has been the dread of people going to Forbes.

STATION WORK IN THE SOUTH-WEST.—Messrs. Landale, Brothers, of North Deniliquin, have upwards of 100 men employed on their runs, making reservoirs, tanks, ringing trees, fencing &c.; in fact, on most of the stations of southern Riverina there are numbers of men so employed on each run. The *Riverine Advertiser* says, that the amount of money paid for wages by squatters in Riverina, who are nearly all improving their freehold purchases, would amount weekly to thousands of pounds. The carrying capacity of the country will soon be severely tested, the great secret being to enable cattle and sheep to procure water at all times close to their feeding ground. The Crown tenants who are buying large blocks of land find themselves compelled to make it yield more than it did under the old weekly tenancy, from Thursday to Thursday. Instead of population decreasing here on the pastoral lands, labour, skilled and unskilled, is increasing, and it is likely to increase year by year for some time to come. In fact, the more pastoral property is improved the more labour is required. We are thus also improving Crown leasehold property.

THE MELBOURNE PHARMACEUTICAL SOCIETY.—The monthly meeting of the members of the Pharmaceutical Society was held on the 17th instant, which is thus briefly reported in the *Argus*:—Mr. F. D'Arcy Irvine read a paper prepared by Mr. Johnson, Government analytical chemist, in which he advanced the theory that the spores or germs of zymotic diseases were disseminated by the ammonia in the atmosphere. Mr. C. R. Blackett next read a paper on disinfectants, in which he advocated the use of chloride of calcium and chlorinated lime or hypercholoride of lime, and illustrated his argument by a very neat experiment. Mr. Girdlestone strongly advocated the use of acid disinfectants, and at the same time stated that his faith had become somewhat shaken in the use of carbolic acid as a disinfectant. Mr. Thomson contended that scientifically there was no thorough disinfectant except by charring the germs of the disease if they once attained vitality. He considered that they would be most easily destroyed by dealing with them while in a nascent condition in the blood, and advocated the injection of quinine for that purpose. Dr. Day, of Geelong, advocated the use of ozone as a disinfectant.

SYDNEY STEARINE CANDLE AND OIL MANUFACTORY, BOTANY.

DOUBTLESS it is the case that nearly all, if not all the tallow candles which are used in the colony are made therein; but there is another description of candle which by many is preferred to tallow *par et simple*, and is imported largely. It may not be known by many that there is being carried on on the road to Botany, a little beyond the Half-way House, the manufacture of stearine candles and oil by the Sydney Stearine Candle and Oil Company (Messrs. Robertson, Stuart, and Co.), who have so far been financially successful in the industry, as well as successful in the production of an article salable in the Sydney market.

The main building is connected with the works, is three stories in height, and is constructed of galvanized iron. On the floor of the third story the initiatory steps are taken in connection with the preparation of the tallow. On this floor there is a tallow tank in which the tallow is prepared; a second large tank in which the tallow is "dried"—this tank being fitted with a double row of copper piping, so that the "drying" is effected by a system of super-heaters by which a very high degree of temperature is obtained. The tallow is run off from the "drying" tank into a vat on the first floor, where it is treated for some four hours for stearine purpose. The partly prepared tallow then undergoes in the same floor (the first) what is called the "washing" process, and is again dried, and allowed to run by gravitation it to a still in an adjoining building, from which in turn it finds its way through a "condenser," and thence into what is technically termed the "working tub." The tallow is then pumped back to the "granulating" tank on the first floor of the main building, and after being treated in this tank is poured into granulating pans, which are then ranged on shelves in the granulating room, an apartment which is heated throughout by piping, so as to bring about the graining. In these pans the tallow, now partially converted into stearine, becomes solidified into cakes. When they have become hard enough by being submitted to the change produced by granulation, the cakes are taken out of the pans and placed in coir mats, each cake being wrapped up separately. Dividing plates are placed between the mats which contain the cakes, and now over now is placed in an hydraulic press, where a strong pressure is exerted, by which all the "oil proper" is separated from the stearine. At this stage, when the mats or cloths are undone from the cakes, they are found to be both hard and white. The cakes of stearine are put into a copper vat to undergo another "washing" process, and then find their way from the refining pan to coolers. The stearine, when taken out of the cooling pans, is put into filters, and got to the proper temperature for running into the moulding machines, of which there are three on the premises, of the same description as those used in the English factories. The machines are capable of turning out from 400 to 500 boxes of stearine candles per week, 25 lbs. weight being in each box, with half-a-dozen candles to the lb. Chamber candles are made (12 to the lb.) so formed that they may be fitted into any kind of candlestick. Carriage candles (8 to the lb. of 16 oz.) are made, which have been largely used in Sydney for omnibuses. The candles are made up by boys into neat packages of 1 lb. each, which are again packed into the 25-lb. boxes of white pine, made in Sydney especially for this Stearine Company. Water is pumped up into the top story of the main building for the supply of the work, while on the ground floor there is a large Cornish boiler for generating the heat and the steam required in the establishment.

From the hydraulic press which we have named as in operation in the first floor, the oil expressed from the cakes of stearine is allowed to run into hogsheads below, and is once more brought through retorts for the purposes of purification. The oil has to go into granulating casks, where the residue which may remain of stearine is extracted, the oil being drawn off at the bottom of the casks. The stearine oil thus obtained is intended for lubricating purposes and for lamps. Such of the fatty matter as may not be specially fitted for these purposes is converted into anti-friction grease.

The manufacturers propose besides to enter upon the manufacture of "paraffine" candles, the paraffine for which they will endeavour to obtain from the Kerosene Oil Company's works close by. They have also on hand a large quantity of what are known as "candle" nuts, from which they will express oil as soon as they can obtain the necessary machinery.

The present manufacture of stearine candles amounts to about 300 boxes per week, but when another press is got into work the manufacture will be increased to about double its present extent. There are employed on the works fourteen handsome men and boys—three of the latter being employed chiefly in making up and filling packages. Messrs. Robertson, Stewart, and Co. have been asked to prepare twelve boxes of colonial "sperm," to send to the Philadelphia Exhibition. The candles have been spoken of in favourable terms by mining managers and others who have used them. It would be difficult to detect the difference between them and the imported article.

CORONER'S COURT.

THE adjourned inquest on the body of Joseph Clarke, who was found dead on Saturday morning in the water at Long Nose Point, with a handkerchief tied round his neck, was resumed this morning.

The following further evidence was taken:—

Frederick Herfield deposed: He resides at 20, Erskine-street, at the house kept by Richards, and is a digger; he had been living there for about twelve weeks; he knew a man named Joseph Clarke, who had been staying there all the time he was there; Clarke slept in the same bedroom as he did. (He then proceeded to give evidence relative to establishing the identity of the deceased.) He had often heard deceased say that he would go and drown himself, as he could get no work and was in debt at the boarding-house, and saw no way of ever being able to pay it: he heard him say this so often that he did not take any notice of it; he last saw him alive on Tuesday, the 14th instant, when he (deceased) was in bed; he last heard deceased say he would drown himself on Monday, the 13th instant.

Elizabeth Gray deposed: She is formerly servant to Mrs. Richards, at No. 20, Erskine-street; she knew the deceased by the name of "Joe;" about five weeks ago she washed and repaired a shirt for the deceased; the shirt produced she swore was the one she washed and patched for the deceased: she knew it by her work. She then identified the clothing produced as that belonging to the deceased. She had several times heard him say he wished he was dead, and that if he were long out of work he would make away with himself; she last heard him say it about three weeks ago.

George Richards (recalled) deposed that the half handkerchief produced he found hanging over the deceased's bed; it corresponded with the other half (produced) found round deceased's neck when he was taken from the water.

Dr. Hunter (recalled) deposed: In his evidence on Monday last he omitted to state that the deceased had varicose veins in his right leg; it was impossible for his death to have been caused essentially by strangulation through wearing a handkerchief round his neck; the contusion on the head was produced previous to death, and it could not have been caused by a fall from a height; it was quite competent for the deceased to have tied the handkerchief himself around his neck in the way it was when the body was found; it is possible that a man may strangle himself by folding a handkerchief twice around his neck and pulling tightly on one of the folds; he was unable to say whether this was a case of suicide or homicide.

By the jury: The contusion on the head was sufficient to stun for a time, but not to produce death; the inner fold of the handkerchief was tight around the neck, and the outer one loose; supposing a man had tried to strangle himself and become unconscious and fell, the wound on the temple might be produced; if a man strangled himself on shore and was washed into the water by the tide, he would expect to find post-mortem injuries; the stones on the body were quite sufficient to keep it down until decomposition set in, and it had set in when he first saw the body; if deceased went into deep water, it would depend upon the surroundings whether he would expect to find post-mortem injuries or not.

Sergeant Ward deposed: He examined the place on Tuesday last where the body of Joseph Clarke was found on Saturday last; the spot was pointed out to him by Archibald Murray; the rock close by where the body was found had oyster shells on and underneath it; there was sand; at low water there would be between 2 and 3 feet of water, and at high water there would be about 7 feet of a rise; he went to the cave where the hat was found, some 150 yards from where the body was discovered; the cave is about 80 feet long, 12 feet deep, 8 feet high, and about 40 or 50 yards from Mr. Montefiore's residence; on the western side of the cave there are steps cut down leading into the cave; the water approaches at high tide to within 5 and 6 feet of the floor of the cave; there is a jetty from the floor of the cave out to deep water, made of stones; there are three or four steps from the cave to the jetty; about 2 yards from the cave and 6 feet from the jetty, on the eastern side, there were spots of blood on the rock, more in some places than in others; when the tide is high it would be about 3 feet over the rocks; he was certain the spots he saw were blood; the rock was uneven and water-worn; the blood is about 6 feet to the east of the jetty, and about 2 feet below it; to deep water from where the blood was found is about 15 feet; the coast where the body was found is rocky.

The Coroner said he thought the evidence given was sufficiently strong to leave no doubt in the minds of the jury that the body they saw at the dead-house on Monday last was that of Joseph Clarke.

The inquest was at this stage further adjourned till Friday, the 31st of the present month, at 9 o'clock.

LIVE FROG FOUND IN A MASS OF COAL.—A live frog is stated by the *Western Independent* to have been found imbedded in a mass of coal close to the rock in a "step" in Towerland's pit, Dreghorn. It had no opening where the mouth should, under ordinary circumstances, be, and lived for some days after being taken from its long term of close imprisonment.

CINCHONA CULTIVATION.—On the 30th of August last (says the *Madras Athenæum*) the Commissioner of the Nilgiris forwarded to the Indian Government the half-yearly report of the superintendent Government Cinchona plantations, regarding the number, condition, and distribution of Cinchona plants on the Nilgiris up to 31st July, 1875. The demand for Cinchona plants in Wynaad, he says, has been considerable, no less than 54,700 plants having been distributed to planters. The Quinologist's factory at Neddivuttum was, by order of Government, No. 509, of 31st March last, directed to be closed. All the bark obtained from the plantations, aggregating 28,650 lbs., was accordingly shipped to the home market.

MERCANTILE AND MONEY ARTICLES.

THURSDAY EVENING.

THE Customs' duties received to-day were as follows:—

Spirits	...	...	...	£1 793 15 9
Wine (still)	...	...	...	133 12 5
——— (sparkling)	...	...	...	1 16 0
Ale, porter, and beer (in bottle)			...	229 13 9
Tobacco and snuff	...	...	...	28 2 0
——— (unmanufactured)		...	...	194 16 6
Tea ...	...	...	...	138 16 3
Coffee and chicory	...	...	...	0 8 0
Sugar (refined	...	...	...	2 6 4
——— (unrefined)	...	...	...	189 4 5
Opium	...	...	...	72 6 4
Nuts ...	...	...	...	1 5 6
Malt ...	...	...	...	5 0 0
Hops ...	...	...	...	75 15 6
Specific duty	...	...	...	767 13 4
Harbour and light dues		...	...	23 16 0
Pilotage	...	...	...	61 19 8
Total	...	...	...	£3294 15 7

The British Sceptre cleared out for London to-day, with the following cargo: 4518 bales wool, 97 bales cotton, 60 bales rags, 5707 cakes 1480 ingots copper, 318 casks tallow, 3369 hides, 74 tons and 242 bags copra, 139 bags nickel ore, 111 hogsheads rum, 50 tons shale, 7 cases pearlshell, 80 bales leather, 75 cases glue, 9000 horns, 4 tons hoofs, 8 tons bones, 9 bales basils, 11 packages sundries.

Exchange on London by the outgoing mail remains at the same rates as last month.

Mr. Threlkeld sold by auction to-day, the cargo of Richmond River pine, ex Platypus. 1 inch T. and G. boards at 18s. 6d., 1 inch rough at 15s. 3d. to 15s. 6d., ½-inch 11s. 6d., quartering, 10s. 6d.

THE EXPORT MARKETS.—Wool continues arriving in very large quantities both for sale here and shipment on growers' account. Heavy supplies have been catalogued for auction, and up to the present week the demand was active at prices equal to last month's. The principal lines sold since the 27th ultimo were:—

S. E. Mott over Bokemar, 23 greasy at 8¼d., 2 locks at 4d., 1 mixed at 6¼d.; JMcM, 15 greasy at 9¼d.; AR in triangle and AR in diamond, 44 at 11d., 5 pieces at 7¼d.; THD conjoined over Creekdale, 24 greasy at 8¾d.; RP, 80 at 10¼d., 4 bellies at 5¼d., 5 locks at 4¼d.; BH over RW, 5 greasy at 10¼d.; (Red) x, 8 at 8¾d.; I, 11 at 9d., 2 pieces at 5d.; ESB & G over Rock View, 18 greasy at 9d.; RH, 5 at 9¾d.; 1 locks at 4½d.; Bar through circle, 7 greasy at 9¼d.; TF over E, 12 at 10¼d.; 1 at 4¼d.; GJ, 42 fleece at 20¼d.; 5 pieces at 14½d.; 2 clippings at 10¾d.; J. Collits, 7 fleece at 15½d.; ⌢ over TR conjoined, 9 at 17¼d., 1 pieces and locks at 9¼d.; WG, 12 at 14½d.; W in circle over WR, 37 fleece at 17½d., 13 pieces at 10¾d., 2 locks at 8d.; M over AM over Good Hope, 4 fleece at 16½d., 1 pieces at 10¼d.; P over AM over Good Hope, 4 fleece at 16d., 1 lambs at 12¼d., 1 pieces at 8¾d., 1 lambs at 9¼d.; TW, 38 fleece at 18d., 3 pieces and 1 locks at 11d.; Tarrago over H, 18 fleece at 19¼d.; JP, 29 at 20d., 16 pieces at 14d.; 2 over SS, 17 fleece at 17d., 1 pieces at 9¼d.; RP, 17 fleece at 17¼d., 1 bellies at 12d., 1 locks at 9¼d.; WN over NSW, 8 fleece at 22½d., 5 pieces at 15d.; WN, 6 fleece at 15¾d., 1 mixed at 11¼d.; ⊢G, 8 fleece at 17d., 1 mixed pieces at 11d.; ⊓S, 4 fleece at 16d., 1 lambs at 10d.; 5 over MB, 7 fleece at 16¾d., 1 pieces at 8¾d.; JS, 9 bales mixed at 5½d.; BBBB, 8 greasy at 10¾d., 3 at 9¾d.; CST, 10 at 10d.; DH, 3 at 9¾d.; J, 11 at 9d.; LFI over Stores, 2 at 10¼d., 1 at 11d., 7 at 10d., 1 at 5¾d.; ditto over Goolhi, 3 pieces at 7¾d.; PL, 14 greasy at 9¾d., 2 pieces at 5d.; MM'M over Toolooa, 17 greasy at 9¼d., 3 pieces at 4¼d.; black, 8d.; NB over Z, 5 at 9¾d.; Currawang, 6 fleece at 17d., 2 pieces at 10¾d.; D over Barwang, 14 fleece at 18¾d., pieces at 13d.; WS, 21 fleece at 18d., clips at 9¾d., bellies at 12½d.; WT over 5, 10 fleece at 17¼d.; JD, 7 scoured at 18d.; JK, 12 fleece at 16¾d., 2 over G, 32 fleece at 18¾d.; T&R, 33 scoured at 21¼d.; PH over Warroo, 224 fleece at 19d., 3 bellies at 12½d.; ⌅ over K, 11 fleece at 16¾d., pieces at 9½d.; 8 over GS in triangle, 12 fleece at 18d.; FG, 25 fleece at 16d.; DA&Co over Y, 17 fleece at 17d., pieces at 9d.; GC over M, 13 fleece at 15½d.; MC over S, 40 ditto at 18¾d.; HP conjoined, 11 ditto at 18d.; MC over S, 7 lambs at 14¼d., 3 fleece at 16d., bellies and pieces at 11d.; VM, 12 at 18¾d.; Canonbar, 39 fleece at 21¼d., 24 pieces at 17¾d., 3 bellies at 14d., 2 locks at 10¾d., 2 greasy at 10¾d.; RGY, 13 ditto at 10d.; ⊢G, 10 ditto at 10¼d.; FWF, 6 at 9¾d.; WG, 16 fleece, at 15¾d.; ⊐S in square, 29 fleece at 18d.; ⌢ over JT, 36 greasy at 10¾d., 3 lambs at 11¾d., 2 bellies at 6d.; CWD, 5 scoured at 15¾d.; SYD, 6 ditto at 10d.; JT over C, 9 at 9¼d.; LYL, 8 at 9¾d.; Nurseway, 9 at at 10¾d., 2 pieces at 6¼d.; JK, 7 greasy at 9¾d.; RS, 3 at 10d.; FK, 11 at 10¾d.; L, 27 at 9¾d.; AF, 13 greasy at 10d., 2 skirts at 7d., 2 pieces at 6d.; TD over C, 10 greasy at 10d.; ⌢ over JM, 6 ditto at 10¾d.; RC over W, 12 ditto at 10d.; TM, 8 ditto at 10½d.; AA, 19 at 10d.; M'Lean, 21 greasy at 9¼d.; MC over S, 15 ditto at 10¾d.; 23 fleece at 17d., 2 at 15¾d.; M, 24 bales greasy at 9d.; G8&Co over Carswell, 12 at 9¾d., 3 pieces at 5d.; 4 in diamond, 34 greasy at 10¾d.; H, 7 fleece at 18¾d.; SW over S White, 73 at 21¼d., 4 at 18¾d., 20 skirtings at 10¾d., 2 mixed at 9¼d. and 8¾d., 5 lambs at 13¾d., 5 greasy at 10¾d., 4 clips at 12¾d.; FRH, 23 fleece at 18¾d., 6 at 18¾d., 2 pieces at 15¾d., 2 locks at 11d.; CW over NE, 34 fleece at 17¾d., 4 pieces at 11¾d.; MH over HG, 39 greasy at 10d., 2 bellies at 6¾d.; Saltram over R in diamond, 27 fleece at 20¾d., 17 greasy at 10¾d.; JMK, 9 at 10¼d.; JH over T, 26 fleece at 16d., 5 clips at 9¾d.; M, 47 fleece at 18¾d., 1 locks at 9d. G and WD in diamond, 65 greasy at 9¾d., 11 bellies at 5¾d.; BB in square, 40 fleece at 19¾d., 2 pieces at 12¾d., 2 clips at 10¾d.; C over H, 18 greasy at 5¾d., 2 pieces at 4¼d. and 5d.; ⊂M, 16 fleece at 18d.; TM over Murrity, 33 at 18d.; JB over J, 16 at 16d., 2 pieces at 7¾d.; RP, 111 greasy at 10¼d.; A over Hume, 40 fleece at 20¾d., 7 pieces at 14d.; TM, 6 greasy at 9¾d.; J—, 5 at 9¾d.; Dowe, 11 at 8¾d.; JC over Dubbo, 9 at 8d., 5 fleece at 15¾d.; MOB, 11 at 17¼d.; DP, 5 at 16d.; WM, 6 at 17¾d., 1 pieces at 12¾d.; Bar in circle, 12 greasy at 9¼d., 1 locks at 2d.; AM over Goodhope, 25 fleece at 16¼d., 4 pieces at 10¼d.; GMY, 15 greasy at 10¾d.; T⊐, 21 fleece at 18¾d.; M over ⌢, 6 at 15¼d.; BJD, 7 at 16¾d., 1 mixed at 7¼d.; ⊢L, 6 greasy at 9¾d.; RYN, 8 at 7¾d.; D in diamond, 10 fleece at 12d., 2 pieces at 9d.; HA, 9 fleece at 10¼d.; JD, 9 at 10¾d.; Red Star, 5 greasy at 8¾d.; TH, 60 bales fleece at 17¾d., 2 locks at 6d.; EK in diamond, 5 second at 14d., 2 at 16d., 4 at 18¼d.; WC, 5 greasy at 10¾d.; JNT, 2 pieces at 5½d.; SHW, 5 greasy at 8¾d.; 15 under half mourn, 21 greasy at 9¼d., pieces at 4¼d.; DC, 6 at 9¾d.; GV, 15 fleece at 16¾d., 2 bellies at 8¾d.; 80 over S, 6 mixed at 6¾d.; MMcM over Toolooa, 15 at 9¾d., pieces at 4½d.; F, 11 greasy at 9¾d., 1 mixed at 6d., 1 at 6d., 6 pieces at 4¾d.; FG, 38 fleece at 16¼d., 5 pieces at 8d.; RJ over Teemas, 23 fleece at 16d.; WG, 6 at 16d.; SLO, 24 at 10¾d., 5 bellies and pieces at 8d. to 10d.; FE, 5 greasy at 8¾d.; JT over Six Mile, 11 fleece at 17¾d., 7 BH, 26 at 17d.; VM, 6 at 16¾d.; JK, 16 fleece at 16¼d.; EA, 7 at 15d.; SW over Cudgegong, 17 greasy at 10¾d.; JG, 48 at 10¾d., 2 locks at 4d.; WH conjoined, 10 greasy at 10d.; RN, 18 at 9¾d.; Canonbar, 35 fleece at 20¼d., 19 pieces at 10¾d., 2 bellies at 13¼d., 4 locks at 11d.; T&R, 19 scoured at 22¼d., 22 at 22½d.; C&T Ashe over Bogie, 54 at 10¾d., 4 pieces at 12½d., 2 clips at 9¾d.; TC, 7 fleece at 18¼d.; GM, 17 at 10¾d.; FB, 10 fleece at 16d.; PB over Gunning, 23 at 17d.; M in circle over Nangus, 74 at 19¼d., 6 bundles at 14¼d., 3 pieces at 10¾d., 10 greasy at 10d.; WS over T, 42 at 10¾d.; HC, 6 fleece at 17¾d.; PM, 8 at 17½d.; FG, 12 at 16¾d., 3 at 16½d.; J & TC in square, 9 greasy at 8d., H & A, 12 at 9¼d., 2 lambs at 9¼d., 2 bundles at 4d.; TPL, 10 greasy at 8¾d., A over JW, 7 at 9¼d.; C & I over T in diamond, 18 at 10d.; JA ML, 4 at 9¾d.; F in circle, 21 at 7¾d.; P in diamond, 2 at 9¾d.; H. Claney, 10 at 9¾d.; SI over B, 6 lambs at 10¾d.; MUM, 11 pieces and clips at 9d., 12 pieces at 7¾d.; 81 over B, 75 greasy at 10¾d.; Townsend, 13 greasy at 9¾d., 2 locks at 4½d.; T&R, 8 scoured at 26½d.; TT, 5 fleece at 16¼d., 2 pieces at 10¼d.; WC over C, 12 greasy at 10d.; K y, 6 fleece at 17¼d., 1 skirts at 9¾d.; JS over B in triangle, 53 fleece at 17¾d.; LH, 7 fleece at 16d., 1 skirts at 7¾d.; ⊓B, 91 bales greasy at 8¾d., 9 locks at 5¼d., 4 clips at 4d., WLS, 48 greasy at 10½d., 6 pieces at 6¾d., 1 locks at 3¾d.; H-C, 32 fleece at 18¼d., 3 pieces

LOST AND FOUND.

LOST, Sword BAYONET, No. L 5. Finder please send address W. Pitt, Avoca-street, Woollahra.

LOST, SPECTACLES, gold case. Reward given at D. NORTON'S, Butcher, 76, King-street East.

LOST, Brown RETRIEVER DOG. Reward. S. A. Stephen, Woodside, South Kingston.

LOST, at Manly Beach, a small Blue CARD CASE. Reward SMITH'S Cottage, Manly.

LOST, a DOG, Black and White Setter, leather collar. Reward. Apply to Mr. WISE, Immigration Office, Hyde Park.

LOST, between Adelaide Brewery and Charing Cross Hotel—"Muff"—Black and white Labrador BITCH. £2 reward on delivery at Roundabar, Double Bay.

LOST, in Waverley Omnibus, on Monday evening, PURSE, leather. Reward Miss DICKSON, Java House, Jamison-street.

LOST, in George-street, on 17th instant, a Savings' Bank BOOK, between Haymarket and Market street. Any person producing the above will be liberally rewarded, at Tobacconist's, 471, George-street.

LOST, between Bourke and Dowling streets, a Lady's CAMISOLE or BODICE, trimmed with embroidery and insertion. A reward by returning it to 190, Dowling-street, opposite Stonecutter.

LOST or STOLEN, on Wednesday evening, from Dunteacher Lodge, Enmore Road, a white and red setter DOG; name on collar; reward given. Any one detaining him after this notice will be prosecuted.

LOST.—STRAYED from his home, BOY, aged 34 years, stout built, light hair, light-grey hat, holland jumper, plaid dress, black and red. G. LOCKETT, 48, Cooper-street, Strawberry Hill.

STRAYED from 260, Pitt-street, a Brown COB. Reward. ANDERSON, HALL, and CO.

£5 REWARD.—LOST, SOCKET of a Buggy Lamp, between Darling Point and South Head Road. A. HORDERN and SONS, 756, George-street.

£1 REWARD.—LOST, in or near Pitt-street, five GOLD POUNDS, in £1 notes, Commercial Bank. W. BURNS, Brougham-place.

£1 REWARD.—LOST, from Ashfield, one Bay MARE, branded 2N conjoined near shoulder. The above reward will be given on returning the same to A. HORDERN, Ashfield.

£1 REWARD.—LOST, on Wednesday afternoon, in Watson-street, Newtown, a PARCEL, addressed Mrs. Thomson, Ann-street, returning it to Messrs. PEATE and HARCOURT, 293, George-street, will receive the above reward.

£2 REWARD.—LOST, on Tuesday, in George or King streets, a small brown-hide PURSE, containing £6 and half-sovereign. Apply HILLS, 68, Oxford-street.

£5 REWARD.—LOST or STOLEN from dray, between Raglan and Cowdlat Mills, a CASE, addressed M. BRYANT, containing part of a Singer's SEWING-MACHINE. The above reward will be paid for conviction; or £2 to the finder, if lost, on delivery at office of INDEPENDENT, Bathurst.

BUSINESS CARDS.

ARCHITECT.—HAROLD BREES, 143, Pitt-st., nr. Hunter-st. "Prize Medal." Auction plans, surveys.

AUSTRALIAN Clothing Factory, 217, Lower George-street. Wholesale and retail. A. Goullet-in.

A. COX, Silk and Woollen Dyer, Scourer, and Hat Dresser, 55, William-street, Woolloomooloo, and 849 Railway Bridge. Gentlemen's Apparel Scoured and properly Pressed. Mourning Dyed on the shortest notice.

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MANLY BEACH.—Clarendon Hotel, facing ocean. Dinners, luncheons, &c., best drinks. Sydney prices.

MR. J. SPENCER, Dentist, 8, Wynyard-square—Awarded the N. S. W. Exhibition Medals six years successively, for proficiency in Mechanical Dentistry. Also THE LONDON INTERNATIONAL EXHIBITION MEDAL for 1874. Painless extraction by use of NITROUS-OXIDE GAS.

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PUBLIC NOTICES.

ST. PATRICK'S CHOIR.—Orchestral and Choral PRACTICE, THIS DAY, at 8 p.m. sharp. Full attendance requested.

T. P. BANKS, Organist.

NOTICE.—If JOHN J. PHELPS does not come and finish the Plastering of my house at North Shore, within two days from this date, I will have it done at his risk and expense. JOSEPH WATSON, 271, Crown-st.

NOTICE.—If JOHN J. PHELPS, Plasterer, does not come to finish the Plastering of the two houses he went from me in two days from this, I will employ other man to finish them at his risk.

WILLIAM WATSON, Petersham.

WILLIAMS and EPHRAIM beg to inform the public that in future they will execute any orders according to the New List of Prices to be given out shortly, and not to that lately issued.

Druitt-street, December 23.

NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC—That Ice and Ice Cream can be had at No. 4, Burton-street.

NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC.—Mr. M. GOULSTON, 418, George-street, opposite the Joint Stock Bank, intimates to his friends and customers that his Establishment will be closed as usual at half-past 6 o'clock, and hopes his customers will call for their ordered work previous to his closing.

NOTICE.—We beg respectfully to inform our customers that, on and after the 5th of February, 1876, we shall close our Establishment at 6 o'clock on SATURDAYS, instead of 10 o'clock

E. WAY, Importer,
261 to 267, Pitt-street.

STOLEN from the Clarence and New England Hotel, Sussex-street, a Town DRAY; reward for information.

ROBERT ELLIOTT, 73, Sussex-street.

56, HUNTER-ST.—L. SWAN, Plumber and Gal. Iron Worker, has REMOVED to above address.

56, HUNTER-STREET.—L. SWAN, Gasfitter and Bellhanger, corner of Bligh-street.

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CLOSET CISTERNS made and fixed as per new Act. W. Cooper, plumber, &c., George-st., op. Town Hall.

STAFFORDSHIRE WAREHOUSE, 511, George-street South.—On SALE, very cheap, Dinner Sets, China Breakfast and Tea Sets, Chamber Sets. A great variety of Glassware, consisting of cut decanters, goblets, wine glasses, salts, butters, sugars, vases, flower stands, &c.

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MISS SHARP, L.A.M., visits Newtown, Ashfield, Burwood: piano, harmonium, harp. 31, L. Fort-st.

MR. T. SHARP, Professor of Music (Organist of St. James's Church). Pupils received for organ, pianoforte, violin, &c. Terms on application. Vacation terminates January 10. 31, Lower Fort-street.

MONSIEUR LALCHERE will resume his Tuition on TUESDAY, the 4th January. A few hours disengaged. Letters addressed to Maddock's Library, George-street.

OAKLANDS, MITTAGONG.—The Christmas Vacation will commence on the 17th instant, and terminate on the 4th February. There will be additional accommodation for about 20 pupils after Christmas, for which early applications are particularly requested.

For terms, &c., apply to the Head Master,

H. F. SOUTHEY,
(late Demy), of Magdalen College, Oxford.

PARRAMATTA Public School.—Vacancies for two Boarders. W. W. Board, Albert-st., Parramatta N.

THE Misses HARDIE, Shirley, Edgecliff Road. School duties will be resumed January 19.

THE Misses EVERITT'S School, 307, Darlinghurst Road.—Vacation terminates January 17th, 1876.

LIEUTENANT F. A. VON HAMMER, Teacher of swimming; Riding a la etiquette and a la militaire
Fencing.
With bayonet, foils, single sticks, and cavalry sword exercise.
Skating, calisthenics, &c.
Ladies' corporation baths, Woolloomooloo.
Lessons in swimming for youths and gentlemen after dark by gaslight, at high water and half ride.
Tickets for twenty-four lessons, £1 1s., including bathing fee.

BOROUGH COUNCIL NOTICES.

BOROUGH OF WOOLLAHRA.—APPLICATIONS are invited from persons thoroughly versed in the value of suburban house and land property who are in a position to undertake the assessment of this Borough for the ensuing year. All necessary particulars may be obtained from the Council Clerk. Letters stating the remuneration required, and testimonials as to qualification, to be addressed to the Mayor, up to 16th proximo.

By order of the Council,
SAMUEL SYMONDS, Council Clerk.
Council Chambers, Woollahra,
December 23, 1875.

BOROUGH OF WOOLLAHRA.—ARREARS OF RATES.—It having been found inconvenient to extend the time for payment of rates to so late a period in the year as heretofore, NOTICE is hereby given that legal proceedings will be commenced, without respect to persons, by warrant of distress or otherwise, to enforce payment of all rates in arrear on the 10th January next. No further notice will be given.

By order of the Council,
SAMUEL SYMONDS, Council Clerk.
Council Chambers, Woollahra,
December 23, 1875.

NOTICE to the INHABITANTS OF BALMAIN.—Persons requiring WATER can be supplied at a moderate charge by applying to the Council Chambers, Darling Road.

By order of the Mayor,
JAMES ROBY, Council Clerk.
23rd December, 1875.

STOCK, SHARES, AND MONEY.

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MERCANTILE LOAN and DISCOUNT COMPANY,

98, Elizabeth-street, next Brigade Office.

Sums of £5 to £10,000 advanced on deposit of DEEDS, either Freehold or Leasehold, Bills of Lading, Bonded Certificates, Shares, Insurance Policies, or any other tangible security.

GOOD TRADE BILLS discounted DAILY at a large ADVANCE on BANKING RATES.

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ADVANCES made upon personal security, mortgage, deposits of deeds (freehold or leasehold), bills of sale, merchandize, bonded certificates, stocks and shares, &c.

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Forms and all information can be obtained gratuitously at the Company's Offices. Hours, 9 to 5. CLOSED on SATURDAYS.

LONDON LOAN AND DISCOUNT SOCIETY'S BANK, 125, Elizabeth-street South, next St. James's School. FIRST ESTABLISHED IN SYDNEY. MONEY advanced in sums varying from £5 to £1000 on two responsible securities. Arrangements can be made for WEEKLY, MONTHLY, or QUARTERLY payments. BILLS OF SALE on Furniture, without possession. Advances made upon Mortgage, Deposit of Deeds, Merchandize, Bonded Certificates, Trade Bills, &c., &c.

N.B.—No agents employed. Forms may be had gratis.

SECOND INDUSTRIAL BENEFIT BUILDING AND INVESTMENT SOCIETY.

NOTICE.—Deposits received to any extent, and interest from 5 to 7 per cent. allowed.

By order of the Board,
WILLIAM JARRETT, Secretary.

£2500 AND £3000 wanted, on first-class suburb security. W. Pritchard, 145, Pitt-st.

MONEY for Investment upon fresh 4d security. WILLIAM COPE, Solicitor, 179, Pitt-street.

£1000 REQUIRED on first-class Freehold SECURITY. Apply early to CHARLES MOSSMAN, Agent, Rowntree-street and Darling Road, Balmain.

£3000 to lend upon freehold property; easy terms. J. G. READ, 494, George-st.

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REMOVAL TO NEW PREMISES.

HYAM HAINS, in thanking his numerous patrons for past favours, begs to inform them that he intends shortly REMOVING to those commodious premises lately occupied by Messrs. Beaumont and Sons, painters (419, George-street, next Lassetter's), where he will be in a position, as heretofore, to supply

FANCY GOODS,
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Wedding and mourning orders to any extent executed with punctuality and dispatch.

Ladies in the country favouring us with any orders by post may rely on such being satisfactorily and punctually executed.

PARACHUTES, PARASOLS, and SUN-SHADES, for CARRIAGE and PROMENADE use

A MAGNIFICENT ASSORTMENT of PROMENADE and CARRIAGE PARASOLS, consisting of—
Coloured Glace, beaded and frilled
Ditto ditto, embroidered and frilled
Ditto ditto, self-coloured, lined
Tussore silk, fringed
Ditto ditto, frilled and beaded
Ditto ditto, embroidered and puffed
mounted on FOX'S improved FRAMES, with Carved Wood, Knotted Bamboo, and Japanese handles.

A pretty Assortment of
NICKNACKS
for
CHRISTMAS PRESENTS.

DENISON HOUSE,
376, 378, and 380,
GEORGE-STREET,
opposite
BANK OF NEW SOUTH WALES.

DENISON HOUSE,
GEORGE-STREET.

DRESS MATERIALS
GREATLY
REDUCED.

An early inspection is solicited.

All FULL DRESS length.

No. 1— 7s 9d, former price, 15s 9d
2— 9s 9d, ditto ditto, 18s 9d
3—10s 9d, ditto ditto, 21s
4—12s 6d, ditto ditto, 25s
5—14s 6d, ditto ditto, 29s 6d
6—16s 6d, ditto ditto, 35s
7—18s 6d, ditto ditto, 42s.

THOMPSON and GILES.

EXTWEED.

JUST RECEIVED, BY THE ABOVE VESSEL, a shipment of BOYS' WHITE SHIRTS, MILITARY FRONTS, buttoned behind, strongly and serviceably made, yet not coarse in texture, and very suitable for young gentlemen's wear.

Also,

ONE CASE OF NEAT PATTERNS BOYS' AND YOUTHS' COLOURED SHIRTS of very superior quality and neat patterns, made in the newest style.

A LARGE SELECTION OF BOYS' WHITE SHIRTS, in different styles and sizes, including stout strong goods for school wear, and also those suitable for dress wear.

SEVERAL NEW SHAPES IN BOYS' AND YOUTHS' LINEN COLLARS, fashionable shapes, and all sizes.

THOMPSON and GILES,
Shirtmakers, Mercers, &c.,
Denison House, opposite Bank of New South Wales.

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT.

YOUNG GENTLEMEN'S SPRING and SUMMER CLOTHING.

Having now nearly completed manufacturing our stock of Boys' and Youths' Clothing for the present and coming season, we are in a position to offer to our customers choice, serviceable, and neat garments, almost equal to the best order-made suits.

YOUTHS' SUITS, in the new small checks
BOYS' SUITS, in light Scotch tweeds
GALATEA SUITS, of summer texture
W. of R. TWEEDS
BOYS' COATS, TROUSERS, and VESTS sold singly or otherwise
BOYS' and YOUTHS' SILK COATS, of superior silk
BOYS' GRASSCLOTH GALATEAS
BOYS' LIGHT OVERCOATS
BOYS' MACINTOSHES
BOYS' INVERNESS CAPES
BOYS' LEATHER LEGGINGS.

N.B.—In all our boys' clothing our object is to give customers thoroughly reliable goods and the best value for their money, consequently our goods are very faithfully made, and rarely fail to secure a succession of purchasers.

THOMPSON and GILES,
Tailors, Hatters, Mercers, and Shirtmakers,
George-street.

SHIRTS. SHIRTS. SHIRTS.
M. A. HUGHES and CO., 590, George-street,
Importers of Gentlemen's Shirts of all descriptions.
Gent.'s shirts, all sizes, at 4s 6d, 5s 6d, 6s 6d, 7s 6d, and 8s 6d each
Gent.'s embroidered shirts, at 6s 11d, 7s 11d, and 8s 6d each
Gent.'s Oxfords and Crimeans, very cheap
White shirts, in boys', youths', and gent.'s, to open back.
SCARFS. SCARFS. SCARFS.
Special lines in bows, scarfs, and windsors.
New collars, new cuffs, new studs, braces, &c.
590, George-street, 4 doors below Bathurst-street.

AUSTRALIAN OILSKIN WORKS, 217, Lower George-street.—Oilskin clothing at reduced prices.

J. BULLARD, 360, George-street. White Duck Vest, 7s 9d, 3 for 22s 6d
White Marcella Vests, 8s 6d, 3 for 24s 6d
Fancy Marcella Vests, 9s 6d, 3 for 27s 6d
Gent.'s fancy Worsted and Silk Vests, 20s.
Silk Coats, Silk Coats, Silk Coat, our own make

J. BULLARD, 360, George-street. Heavy Silk, well-made, nicely cut, and the best goods in Sydney, 22s 6d each.

J. BULLARD, 360, George-street. Shirts, Shirts, Shirts. Bullard's Shirts fit to a hair.

J. BULLARD, 360, George-street. Just opened, 2 cases, unequalled anywhere

J. BULLARD, 360, George-street. Boys' Shirts, Boys' Shirts, all sizes, from 11½ inches

J. BULLARD, 360, George-street. Military front for studs, button behind, from 5s each.

J. BULLARD, George-street. 360, Boys' Clothing, Boys' Clothing
Fathers, Mothers, Sisters, Brothers
Come one, come all, and purchase the nicest fitting Boys' Suits in the city.

J. BULLARD, 360, George-street. Just received our Christmas Stock of Gent.'s Scarfs, Ties, Braces, Hosiery, Perfumery, &c. All the latest novelties.

J. BULLARD, 360, George-street. Clothing to measure, good materials, good work, cut by experienced artistes, who produce garments unrivalled.

JOSEPH BULLARD. 360, George-street, Sydney, Shirtmaker, Tailor, and Gentlemen's Mercer.

CHRISTMAS IMPORTATIONS CATHEDRAL HOUSE.

THOMAS BAKER,
opposite the Cathedral,
ex Mail Steamer.

Now Opened.
Very elegant Novelties in
PARISIAN MILLINERY,
comprising the very latest styles in
Ladies' trimmed Hats and Bonnets.

We have also opened young Ladies' and Boys' Hats, suitable for the holidays.

Our READY-MADE COSTUME DEPARTMENT has just received some really very pretty and elegant designs in a variety of materials.

Our Dressmaking Department is under the management of Miss NEWMAN, whose taste and excellent fit have caused such a strain upon this branch just now that we must apologise to those ladies who may be disappointed.

UNDERCLOTHING.

Our special attention has been turned to this department, so that we may ensure to our customers a FIRST-CLASS ARTICLE, at the LOWEST POSSIBLE PRICE.

BABY LINEN.

We keep every article required, and our stock will be found to contain the
HANDSOMEST EMBROIDERED ROBES and SQUARES
in the city; and for Christmas Presents this department offers an unlimited selection.

FANCY DEPARTMENT.

Received this day,—
New Linen sets in very handsome styles, quite a new design in neckerchiefs, very pretty Brussels lace and silk ruffles, new patterns in lace and linen cuffs, new silk ties, silver sets, necklets, belts, velvet bags, &c., &c.

SPECIAL NOTICE.

French kid gloves, extra best quality, only 2s 6d.
Rouillon's first choice, 3s 9d
Also,
Twill silk parachutes, very cheap, only 6s 11d.

We desire to thank our customers for their most liberal patronage during the past year, far exceeding our expectations, and beg to assure them that our continued endeavour will be to give them THE VERY BEST ARTICLE AT THE VERY LOWEST CASH PRICES.

THOMAS BAKER,
666, 668, George-street.

500, GEORGE-ST.—Beautiful Black Cloth Paget Coats, well cut and well made, from 20s.

500, GEORGE-ST.—Derby Dust Coat, 21s; China Silk Dust Coat, 15s; Silk Coats, 12s 6d.

500, GEORGE-ST., for really good all-wool Scotch Tweed SUITS, from 30s.

500, GEORGE-STREET, the Central Tailoring House, opposite the Central Police Court. All goods made to order are well made, well shrunk, and a perfect fit insured.

500.—West of England Tweed Trousers and Vests, 22s 6d, 25s 6d; best heavy make, 28s 6d.

500, GEORGE-STREET, for every description of Scarfs, Ties, Shirts, Collars, Studs, Braces, Belts, Perfumery, Hosiery, Gent.'s Twilled Silk Umbrellas, paragon frames, 10s 9d; Bath Towels, Railway Rugs, Portmanteaus, Carpet Bags, &c., &c.

CHRISTMAS PRESENTS. CHRISTMA PRESENTS.
E. DAVIS, Fancy and Toy Bazaar,
98, King-street.

Dressing cases
Workboxes
Writing desks
Jewel cases
Scrap albums
Glass lustres
P. M. cabinets
P. M. crumb brush and tray
Ladies' companions
Ditto hand bags
Toilet ornaments
Ditto sets
Cigar boxes
Ditto stands
Cabinet of games
Compendium of ditto
Multitudes
Croquet games
Badminton ditto
Work baskets
Toilet cases
Scent ditto
Card ditto
Envelope case and blotter to match
Reading stands
Book slides
Letter racks
Inkstands, various sorts
Folios, PM. and leather
Rocking horses
Velocipede ditto
Pole ditto
Horses and carts
Box toys
Dolls' trousseaus
Ditto houses
Suites furniture
Boxes of ten puzzles
Clockwork rabbits, bears, dogs, goats, sheep, and various other animals
Dressed and undressed dolls
China tea and dinner sets
Metal ditto ditto
Battledores and S. cocks, in boxes
Drums, whips, guns
Steam-engines, steamers, &c.

JEWELLERY.

Gold suites
Ditto earrings, brooches
Ditto lockets and studs
Gold necklets
Ladies' and gent.'s gold alberts
Silver scent bottles
Gold and silver pencil cases
Gold and silver solitaires.

Also, a very large assortment of other fancy articles
Toys, suites of table glass, china dessert sets
Table cutlery, various makers; E. P. tea and coffee sets
Spoons, forks, butters, cruets, salts, salvers
Dickie and liqueur frames.

E. DAVIS,
Wholesale and Retail Bazaar,
98, King-street.
Schools and bazaars supplied at wholesale prices.
CLOSED ON SATURDAYS.

PAGET COATS, superior qualities, ready made, cheap, at W. HOWES', 428, George-street.

PAGET COATS, in black cloth, double-breasted ready made, all sizes, at W. HOWES'.

PAGET COATS, in blue diagonal, well made, 36s, at W. HOWES', 428, George-street.

PAGET COATS, in blue venetian, ready made, superior, 37s 6d. W. HOWES, 428, George-street.

PAGET COATS, in youths' sizes, fashionable materials, cheap. W. HOWES, 428, George-street.

TROUSERS and D. B. Vest, ready made, of West of England Tweeds, best qualities. W. HOWES.

ALPACA COATS, from 8s 6d: Alpaca Galateas and Silk Coats, cheap. W. HOWES, 428, George-st.

ALPACA and SILK COATS, large stock at reduced prices. W. HOWES, 428, George-street.

KELK AND ALFORD,
413, 415, George-street,
beg to intimate to their customers that they are now exhibiting in their New SHOWROOMS the latest NOVELTIES, per Mail, in MILLINERY, UNDERCLOTHING; Real Laces, in Honiton, Maltese, and Valenciennes, &c.
Real Lace Collars, Collarettes, Sleeves, &c.
Also, First Choice Josephine Kid Gloves, 3s 9d; First Choice Danish, 2s 6d.
NEW PARASOLS, RIBBONS, &c.

A MERRY CHRISTMAS TO YOU ALL. CHRISTMAS PRESENTS for the million to suit all ages, at LEMAIRE'S,
472, George-street, opposite Markets.
FATHER CHRISTMAS at LEMAIRE'S
Father Christmas at Lemaire's
The Band, the Brass Band at Lemaire's
The Naval Brigade Band at Lemaire's
Toys, dolls, games, puzzles at Lemaire's
Work boxes, fancy goods at Lemaire's
6d and 1s tables, well stocked, at Lemaire's
Ladies' bags, albums, purses at Lemaire's
An endless variety too numerous to mention at Lemaire's
Save 25 per cent. by making your purchases at Lemaire's
Fly, fly, flying tops, 1s each at Lemaire's
Draughts, chessmen, and boards at Lemaire's
Dominos, lotto, round table games at Lemaire's
Flutes, fifes, violins, concertinas at Lemaire's
Hair, tooth, and nail brushes, combs
at LEMAIRE'S
London and Paris Toy and Fancy Bazaar,
472, George-street, opposite Markets.

CHRISTMAS PRESENTS, NEW YEARS GIFTS BIRTHDAY, WEDDING, AND PARTING SOUVENIR.

PEAPES AND SHAW
are now displaying their ANNUAL SHIPMENT of ELEGANT FANCY ARTICLES suitable for presentation at the coming festive season, as follows:—
LADIES'—Scent caskets, velvet handkerchief boxes, glove boxes, Japanese jewel cases, lockets, Japanese glove and handkerchief boxes, silver earrings, ladies' solitaires in white and oxydised silver, &c., &c., ivory, pearl, and tortoiseshell portemonnaies, ladies' umbrellas, silver mounted and double colours; Piesse and Lubin's comical costume bon bons, masks, somebody's luggage, bachelor's fate, &c.
GENTLEMEN'S—gold, silver, ivory, and pearl studs, links, solitaires, and suites ditto, scarf rings, scarf pins, fitted travelling bags, brief bags, mercantile bags, smoking caps, silver mounted walking sticks and umbrellas, cribbage boards, card cases, dressing cases, &c., &c.
GENTLEMEN'S SUMMER REQUISITES.
Gentlemen's double-breasted white marcella VESTS, 8s 6d each, or three for 24s
White linen VESTS, double-breasted, bound, 7s 6d, or three for 1 guinea
Double-breasted coloured linen VESTS, bound, 10s 6d each, or three for 30s. The colours are drab, fawn, dove, slate
Single-breasted linen VESTS, bound, white and coloured, 5s 6d each, or three for 21s
China silk COATS (jacket shape), 12s 6d, 15s 6d, 17s 6d, 18s 6d, 21s, 22s 6d, 25s
China silk DUST COATS, to button right up, 15s, 17s 6d, 21s, 25s, 27s 6d, 30s
OFFICE COATS, for the hot weather, 10s 6d each, in black and coloured alpaca
Plain white MUSLIN TURBANS, from ONE SHILLING to 2s 6d each
CHINA SILK TURBANS, 3s 9d, 4s 6d, 4s 9d, 5s 6d, 6s 6d, 7s 6d, 8s 6d
FRENCH GAUZE TURBANS, 5s 6d, 4s 6d, 5s 6d, 6s 9d, 7s 6d, 8s 6d
Gentlemen's summer HALF-HOSE, fine makes, specially adapted for the season—Balbriggan, Lisle thread, summer merino, &c.
India GAUZE, gauze COTTON, gauze MERINO UNDERSHIRTS and PANTS, in the very best makes
GENTLEMEN'S WHITE SHIRTS,
ready-made or made to measure,
40s, 45s, 50s, 55s, 60s the half-dozen.
For the convenience of our country friends, we forward free a pattern card for self-measurements. This will ensure in all instances a perfect fit.
BOYS AND YOUTHS' SHIRTS.
Ladies are always complaining of the difficulty of procuring Boys' and Youths' Shirts ready-made to fit properly. We beg to say that we have paid particular attention to this want, and are now prepared to make Boys' SHIRTS, to measure, at 25s, 30s, 35s the half-dozen; Youths' SHIRTS, to measure, 40s, 45s, 50s the half-dozen.
We guarantee no ready-made imported article will beat them for price, quality, fit, or work.
Oxford flax shirts
Oxford twilled shirts — From 40s to 50s the half-dozen.
Oxford coat shirts
The largest and most stylish assortment of Gentlemen's Scarfs, Ties, and Bows, in the colonies.
Gentlemen's alpaca and zanella UMBRELLAS, with silver mounts, from 7s 6d to 10s 6d each.
Gentlemen's silk SUN SHADES, light and durable, from 10s 6d to 15s 6d each.
TO GENTLEMEN ABOUT TO TRAVEL.
PEAPES and SHAW
are now showing the most splendid assortment of REAL ENAMELLED LEATHER and HIDE
TRAVELLING BAGS and PORTMANTEAUS
ever shown in the Australian colonies, as follows:—
Patent Square-mouth Bags
Expanding Gladstone Bags
Lawyer's Brief Bags
"The Citizen's" Handy Bags
Fitted Travelling Bags
BRUSSELS CARPET BAGS, extra quality
Soiled Linen Bags, &c.
LADIES' DRESS IMPERIAL TRUNKS
WELLINGTON RAILWAY COMPANIONS
OVERLAND TRUNKS
Patent Holding Portmanteaus
Solid Leather Portmanteaus, in every size
Hand and American Leather, ditto all sizes.
NOTE.—The above goods are imported by us direct from the manufacturers, made to our special order, and therefore cannot be beaten for either price or quality.
PEAPES AND SHAW.
Hosiers, Glovers, Shirt Manufacturers,
Tailors, and Gentlemen's Outfitters,
338 and 340, George-street.

SPLENDID SHIPMENT OF
ONE AND TWO BUTTON GLOVES,
just received ex P. and O.'s ELLORA
PEAPES and SHAW have the pleasure to inform their patrons that they have just opened the above, specially indented for the Christmas trade.
They are assorted in all the most delicate as well as useful medium and dark colours, both plain and tambourined.
"Price" Ladies' first choice "plain" Kid GLOVES, 3s 9d per pair.
Ditto ditto "tambourined," 4s
"Double-button" plain, 4s 6d per pair
Ditto ditto tambourined, 4s 9d ditto.
We have also opened
"NOVELTIES" IN THE NEW SILVER GOODS, as follows:—
Chatelaines, Ladies' Belts, Collars, Solitaires, Suites; Velvet Bags, with silver chains, &c.
"NOVELTIES" in WINDSOR, FOLDING, and new MADE-UP SCARFS
Choice Scent Caskets, and a variety of other novelties.
PEAPES and SHAW,
Hosiers, Glovers, Shirt and Collar Manufacturers,
Tailors and Outfitters,
338 and 340, George-street.

ZIONS, Tailor and Woollen Draper, has a large stock seasonable choice Woollens. 409, George-street.

ZIONS' Silk Dust Coats, various shapes, 15s; Silk Paget, 21s; Alpacas, 20s. 409, George-street.

ZIONS' Super Black Pagets, to measure, £3; Blue Diagonal Pagets, £2 10s; Hopsacks, £2 15s.

100 PATTERNS Fancy Tweeds, all wool, for Trousers to measure, 18s. ZIONS, 409, Geo.-st.

21s BLACK Doeskin Trousers to measure; cricketing Trousers, 16s; cricketing Shirts, 14s. ZIONS.

ZIONS' Scotch Tweed Trousers, very choice, in 1000 patterns, to measure, well shrunk, 22s 6d. 409, Geo.-st.

ZIONS' Marcella Vests, double breast, 10s 6d; Silk ones, in many patterns, 16s. 409, George-street.

ZIONS wishes to draw the attention of the Public to his stock of choice WOOLLENS, just received for Christmas holidays, and will cater cheaper than any other house as he buys and sells for cash. 409, George-street.

NOTICE.—Visitors to Sydney, gents., youths, and boys, can be supplied with all kinds of Clothing, the best made, fashionably cut, and lowest charges. A large stock of every description of clothing, our own make; also, shirts, collars, ties, handkerchiefs, socks, umbrellas; silk sets, 14s 6d; ditto galateas, 16s; paresis, 21s. ZIONS, 409, George-st.

ALL the New Colours in Kid Gloves, stitched backs, 2s 6d per pair. J. W. and F. WITHERS.

JOSEPHINE Kid Gloves, in black and light colours, only 2s 11d per pair. J. W. and F. WITHERS.

GENT.'S Driving Gloves, slightly spotted, only 1s per pair, worth 4s 6d. J. W. and F. Withers, 482, Geo.-st.

CHRISTMAS PRESENTS.—A choice assortment of Umbrellas, Parachutes, and Parasols, plain, twill, and reversible silk, with fancy carved and ivory handles; also, alpaca and zanella. a choice assortment of gent.'s Walking Sticks, at C. COLEMAN'S, King-street. Persons who have re-covered umbrellas please call for them.

GENERAL MERCHANDISE.

ON SALE BY THE UNDERSIGNED—
BRANDY—Sazerac's, bulk and case
CHAMPAGNE—Ruinart's (black and white label)
POMERANZEN BITTERS—Small phials
WOOLPACKS—10½ and 11 lbs., full-weights
ROCK and LIVERPOOL SALT
GALVANIZED IRON—F. Braby's
PICKLED SALMON—New catch, half-barrels
DRIED APPLES—Cases and barrels
MUSCATEL RAISINS
SUGAR—Mauritius, all qualities
TEA—All qualities, ex Gustav
FENCING WIRE—Hermulewics and Co.'s
YELLOW METAL and NAILS—Munts's
AXE and PICK HANDLES.
M'DONALD, SMITH, and CO.

FOR SALE, 12-h.p. ENGINE and BOILER, 12-head Battery, 2 Cornish Rollers, 2 sets Brown and Stanfield's Separators, 1 Hunt's 6-inch Pump Piping, &c, £475. BATE, MUSTON, and CO., 213, Pitt-street.

SUPERIOR Double GUN for SALE.—G. PERRINS, maker to H. R. H. In case complete. Price, Twelve Guineas. Apply ETON, Post Office, Sydney.

COLONIAL TOBACCO, best brands, on SALE. O'DOUD and CO., Commercial Wharf.

TANKS, 100 to 400 gallons, watertight, cemented, and brass taps. W. ROBISON, 67, Sussex-street.

AUCTION SALES.

Horses, heavy and light
Vehicles, Harness, and Saddlery.

GEORGE KISS will sell by auction, at the Bazaar, THIS DAY, at 11 o'clock, all lots not specially advertised; and at 12 o'clock, all lots specially advertised.
Regular sales at the Bazaar daily, and at Camperdown any afternoon.
Horses and Vehicles on hire.

EIGHTH ANNUAL HIGHLAND GATHERING.

GREAT ATTRACTION.

ALBERT GROUND, NEW YEAR'S DAY.

ATHLETIC SPORTS.
Consisting of Running, Jumping, Throwing the Hammer, Putting the Shot, Dancing, &c., &c.

GEORGE KISS has received instructions from the Committee of above sports, to sell by auction, at the Bazaar, Pitt and Castlereagh streets, on WEDNESDAY, the 29th instant, at 12 o'clock,
The right of booths, cake and fruit stalls &c., for Eighth Highland Gathering Meeting, to be held on January 1, 1876.

☞ The programme being varied and sports numerous, as well as the Highland Gathering having become a popular institution, the auctioneer wishes to draw the attention of speculators to above sale, as the present meeting promises to be largely attended.

T. S. CLIBBORN and CO. hold sales of Horses, &c., daily, at 11 a.m., 246, Pitt-street.

GIBSON'S Horse Bazaar, opposite School of Arts. Sales daily at 10, Horses, buggies, &c.

AUSTRALIAN AGRICULTURAL COMPANY.

DURHAM BULLS for SALE.

MESSRS. G. M. PITT and SON have the honour to inform the public that the annual sale of the above Company's Bulls will take place at Warrah, near Murrurundi, N. S. W., on WEDNESDAY, the 5th day of January, 1876, on which day
200 (more or less) young bulls, from 12 months to 24 years old, all bred by the company, and out of their choicest cows, will be offered for sale without the slightest reserve.
G. M. Pitt and Son are authorised to state that these young bulls comprise all that the company have reared since the sale which was held in January last, and are not only the largest, but, as regards, breeding, colour, and quality, by far the best lot the company have ever offered to the public. None of them have ever been housed or artificially fed, and they are only in rough bush condition, although in excellent fettle both for travelling and service. The bulls may be seen at Warrah at once, and all further particulars learned on application to Mr. SAMUEL A. CRAIK, Warrah, via Murrurundi.

Intending purchasers can proceed from Sydney to Newcastle, and from thence to Murrurundi per train; and conveyance can be had from the latter place to Warrah, which is only distant 16 miles.
Luncheon will be provided on day of sale.

SULLIVAN and SIMPSON have received instructions from J. H. Stewart, Esq., to sell by auction, at Ellis and Co.'s Yards, THIS DAY, the 24th instant, at 11 o'clock,
200 really prime and weighty fat wethers
200 very superior prime fat lambs, in lots.

FAT LAMBS. FAT LAMBS.

MAIDEN, HILL, and CLARK will sell by auction, at Ellis's Yards, THIS DAY, Friday, at 11 o'clock,
85 lambs. Really prime.

Fat Cattle.

MAIDEN, HILL, and CLARK have received instructions from Messrs. J. and A. Brand to sell by auction, at Homebush, on TUESDAY next, at 11 o'clock,
260 prime fat bullocks, from their famous Currawilldie Station.

FAT CATTLE.

MAIDEN, HILL, and CLARK have received instructions from Messrs. Hurtle Fisher and Hill to sell by auction, at Homebush, on TUESDAY next, at 11 o'clock,
220 prime fat bullocks from their famous Cubbie station

HARRISON, JONES, and DEVLIN have been instructed by T. J. Hawkins, Esq., to sell by auction, at Ellis and Co.'s Yards, THIS DAY (Friday), 24th December, at 11 o'clock,
100 prime fat lambs.

HARRISON, JONES, and DEVLIN have been instructed by Messrs. Dangar Brothers, to sell by auction, at the Yards, Homebush, on WEDNESDAY, 29th December, at 11 o'clock,
1583 prime fat wethers, from Yarralaroi station, by rail, and 58 lbs.

HARRISON, JONES, and DEVLIN have been instructed by E. Vickery, Esq., to sell by auction, at the Yards, Homebush, on WEDNESDAY, 29th December, at 11 o'clock,
2000 fat wethers, from Edgeroi, and represented very fine.

HARRISON, JONES, and DEVLIN have been instructed by George Loder to sell by auction, at the Yards, Homebush, on WEDNESDAY, 29th December, at 11 o'clock,
130 prime fat cattle.

ELLIS and CO. will sell by auction, at Depot, 763, George-street South, THIS DAY, at 10 o'clock,
Fat calves, lambs, pigs, suckers, poultry, &c.
Roll and keg butter, bacon, cheese, eggs, honey, &c.

WELLS and SMITH will sell by auction, at Darling Harbour, at 10 o'clock,
Wood
Posts, rails.

DENT and HOSKIN will sell, THIS DAY, at Darling Harbour, at 10,
Billet wood.
Also, a splendid lot of 6 feet ironbark pailings.

G. W. TATE will sell by auction, at his Yards, 86, Sussex-street, THIS DAY, at 11,
75 prime fat pigs
29 ditto ditto calves.

C. CARR and CO. will sell by auction, at their Rooms, 99, King-street, THIS DAY, at 11 o'clock, Clothing, gold and silver watches, alberts, rings, E. P. tea and coffee services, and sundries.
To Timber Merchants, Cabinetmakers, Furniture Dealers, and others.
Under bill of sale.
On the Premises, 360, Castlereagh-street, on an early date.
Several Thousand Feet of Cedar, Pine, and other Timber; a large quantity of Finished and Unfinished Household Furniture, consisting of Wardrobes, Chests Drawers, Safes, Tables; and about Half a Ton of Galvanized Iron; also, Tools of Trade, and Sundries.

DUNN and LISTER will sell by auction, on an early date, on the above premises, 360, Castlereagh-street,
The above.

Important Sale of
HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE,
positively to be sold under a Bill of Sale,
consisting of Elegant Drawing and Dining Room Suites, in mahogany and rosewood.
Also, a large quantity of Chairs, Bedsteads, Bedding, Toilet and Pier Glasses, Washstands, Loo and other Tables, Chiffoniereo, Safes, Pulu Mattresses, &c.

MORRIS ASHER will sell by auction, THIS DAY, at his late Mart, Pitt and Park streets, at 11 o'clock,
The above splendid lot of useful furniture, removed to the Mart, under a bill of sale.
No reserve.
Two Splendid Office Tables, Damaged Toilet Glasses
Elegant Loo Tables, Engravings.

MORRIS ASHER will sell by auction, at his late Mart, Pitt and Park streets, THIS DAY, at 11,
The above. Also,
A large lot of other goods. Without reserve.

CRITERION HOTEL, GEORGE-STREET.

BATE, MUSTON, and CO. have received instructions from D. Tierney, Esq., to sell by public auction, on WEDNESDAY, the 29th December (if not previously sold by private contract),
The lease

FUNERALS.

THE FRIENDS of Mrs. ELLEN BROWN are requested to attend the Funeral of her deceased DAUGHTER, Ellen Maud, from No. 619, Crown-street, Surry Hills.

THE FRIENDS of ROBERT JAMES and JOHN O'BRIEN are invited to attend the Funeral of their deceased FATHER, Thomas; to move from the Native Youth Hotel, Union-street, Pyrmont, THIS (Friday) AFTERNOON, at half-past 2, for Petersham Cemetery. J. and G. SHYING and Co., Undertakers, 719, George-street South.

THE FRIENDS of the late Mr. THOMAS O'BRIEN are invited to attend his Funeral; to move from his residence, the Native Youth Hotel, Union-street, Pyrmont, THIS (Friday) AFTERNOON, at half-past 2, for Petersham Cemetery. J. and G. SHYING and Co., Undertakers, 120, Oxford-street; 719, George-street South.

THE FRIENDS of Mr. DAVID SCOTT are most respectfully invited to attend the Funeral of his late beloved DAUGHTER, Amy Ada; to move from her Father's residence, Sebastopol-street, Stanmore, THIS (Friday) AFTERNOON, at a quarter-past 3 p.m., to Balmain Cemetery. MELVILLE and SON, Undertakers.

THE FRIENDS of J. T. CONNOR are respectfully invited to attend the Funeral of his late departed FATHER-IN-LAW, Mr. Thomas O'Brien; to move from his late residence, Union-street, Pyrmont. J. and G. SHYING, Undertakers.

THE FRIENDS of Mr. WILLIAM LAMMON are invited to attend the Funeral of his late beloved Father; to move from his residence, Bondi, THIS (Friday) AFTERNOON, at half-past 2 o'clock, for the Catholic Cemetery, Devonshire-street. J. and G. SHYING and CO., Undertakers, 120, Oxford-street.

THE FRIENDS of THOMAS and MAURICE DEE are invited to attend the Funeral of their deceased NEPHEW, Alexander Tickle; to move from Hope Cottage, Derwent-street, Glebe, THIS (Friday) AFTERNOON, at half-past 2, for Petersham Cemetery. J. and G. SHYING and CO., Undertakers, 120, Oxford-street.

THE FRIENDS of Mr. GEORGE CHISWICK are respectfully invited to attend the Funeral of his deceased beloved SON, Henry Joseph; to move from his residence, Mullens-street, Balmain, THIS AFTERNOON, at 3 o'clock, to Catholic Cemetery, Balmain. THOMAS, Undertaker, 141, York-street.

THE FRIENDS of Mr. DAVID M'GREGOR are invited to attend to attend the Funeral of his late deceased FATHER-IN-LAW, Mr. Roderick M'Kenzie; to move from No. 50, Union-street, off Erskine-street, on SATURDAY MORNING, at quarter-past 8 o'clock, for the Necropolis. J. and G. SHYING and CO., Undertakers.

THE FRIENDS of the late Mr. RODERICK M'KENZIE, Sen., are invited to attend his Funeral; to move from late residence, No. 50 Union-street, off Erskine-street, on SATURDAY MORNING, at a quarter past 8 o'clock, for the Necropolis. J. and G. SHYING and CO., Undertakers, 719, George-street South.

THE FRIENDS of Mr. JAMES BOWER are invited to attend the Funeral of his late deceased FATHER-IN-LAW, Mr. Roderick M'Kenzie; to move from No. 50, Union-street, off Erskine-street, on SATURDAY MORNING, at a quarter past 8 o'clock, for the Necropolis. J. and G. SHYING and CO., Undertakers, 719, George-st.

THE FRIENDS of Mr. J. J. REED, Cab Proprietor, 584, Pitt-street, are respectfully requested to attend the Funeral of his late SON, William John; to move from his residence, at 10 o'clock on SATURDAY MORNING, the 25th instant.

THE FRIENDS of Mr. GEORGE F. LAW are invited to attend the Funeral of his late deceased WIFE, Helena; to move from her parents' residence, 4, Thomson-street, at quarter to 8 o'clock, on SATURDAY, 25th December, to Necropolis.

THE FRIENDS of Mr. THOMAS CHAPMAN are respectfully invited to attend the Funeral of his late beloved SISTER, Mrs. G. F. Law; to move from his father's residence, 4, Thomson-street, TO-MORROW (Saturday) MORNING, at a quarter to 8 o'clock, to Necropolis. KINSELA and SON, Undertakers.

THE FRIENDS of Mr. WM. CHAPMAN, Builder, are invited to attend the Funeral of his late deceased DAUGHTER, Mrs. Helena Law; to move from his residence, 4, Thomson-street, at quarter to 8, on SATURDAY, 25th December, to Necropolis.

THE FRIENDS of Mr. WILLIAM and Mr. HENRY CHAPMAN are invited to attend the Funeral of their late deceased SISTER, Mrs. Helena Law; to move from the residence of her parents, 4, Thomson-street, at quarter to 8, to Necropolis.

THE FRIENDS of Mr. JOHN GOWANS are invited to attend the Funeral of his late deceased SISTER-IN-LAW, Mrs. Helena Law; to move from her parents' residence, 4, Thomson-street, at quarter to 8, to Necropolis.

AMUSEMENTS.

VICTORIA THEATRE.

GRAND CHRISTMAS MUSICAL FESTIVAL.
On CHRISTMAS NIGHT, DECEMBER 25.
THE MESSIAH. THE MESSIAH.

The Messiah.	The Messiah.
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The Messiah.	The Messiah.

will be rendered by an efficient Orchestra and Chorus, consisting of

150 PERFORMERS.	150 PERFORMERS.
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The above Oratorio has been in active preparation for the last six weeks, under the management of Mr. J. C. FISHER and Mr. W. G. BROADHURST who, to render the Oratorio more effective, have secured Mozart's arrangements of the Messiah, which have been kindly lent by J. Summers, Esq., of the Philharmonic Society, Melbourne; also the valuable service of the following vocalists and instrumentalists, viz.:—

Miss Wiseman
Miss E. Wangenheim
Mr. H. Addison, Tenore primo
who has been specially engaged for this occasion, (his first appearance in Sydney)
with a
GRAND FULL ORCHESTRA and CHORUS
of
150 Performers
150 Performers
150 Performers.

A magnificent ORGAN HARMONIUM has been engaged, at which
Mr. W. G. BROADHURST will preside.

PROGRAMME.
PART I.

1. Overture—Orchestra
2. Recitative and Aria—"Comfort ye"—Mr. C. Addison
3. Chorus—"And the glory of the Lord"
4. Recitative and Chorus—"O thou that tellest"—Miss Wangenheim
5. Recitative and Aria—"For behold, darkness"—Mr. P. Egan
6. Chorus—"For unto us a child is born"
7. Pastoral Symphony—Orchestra (With Mozart's arrangements)
8. Recitative—"There were shepherds," &c.—Miss Wiseman
9. Chorus—"Glory to God"
10. Aria—"Rejoice greatly"—Miss Wiseman
11. Recitative and Aria—"He shall feed his flock"—Miss Wangenheim
12. Chorus—"Behold the hand of God"
13. Aria—"He was despised"—Miss Wangenheim
14. Chorus—"All we like sheep."

PART II.

15. Recitative—"All they that see Him"—Mr. C. Addison
16. Chorus—"He trusted in God"
17. Recitative and Aria—"But thou did'st not leave"—Mr. C. Addison
18. Chorus—"Lift up your heads"
19. Aria—"How beautiful"—Miss Wiseman
20. Chorus—"Their sound is gone out"
21. Aria—"Why do the nations"—Mr. P. Egan
22. Recitative and Aria—"Thou shalt break them"—Mr. C. Addison
23. Chorus—"Hallelujah" (with trumpets, &c.)
24. Aria—"I know that my Redeemer"—Miss Wiseman
25. Chorus—"Since by man came death"
26. Recitative and Aria—"The Trumpet shall sound"—Mr. P. Egan (with trumpet obligato—Mr. J. Taylor).
27. Chorus—"Worthy is the Lamb."

The management have decided that in order to meet the requirements of all classes to witness the production of Handel's sublime Oratorio, and to hear it rendered in an efficient manner, the following LOW SCALE for admission will be charged, viz.:—Dress circle, 3s; stalls and family circle, 2s; pit and gallery 1s.

Conductor—Mr. J. C. FISHER.
JOHN BENNETT.

VICTORIA THEATRE.—THE MESSIAH.—FULL ORCHESTRAL REHEARSAL. Principals, Band, and Chorus, 3 o'clock p.m. sharp.
J. C. FISHER, Conductor.

VICTORIA THEATRE.

GRAND MUSICAL FESTIVAL.

CHRISTMAS NIGHT, 25th December.

To avoid crushing and confusion, tickets for admission at the LOW SCALE, viz.:—Dress circle, 3s; stalls and family circle, 2s; pit and gallery, 1s, will be obtainable at the Theatre, between the hours of 10 a.m. and 4 p.m.

TICKET-HOLDERS will be admitted a quarter of an hour before the doors open.

JOHN BENNETT.

THEATRE ROYAL.

Lessee and Manager ..... Mr Samuel Lazar.
Treasurer ..... Mr. James Booty.

BOXING NIGHT, MONDAY, December 27.

GRAND PRODUCTION
of an original, musical, mirthful, mystical, sophistical, cabalistical, phantastical, cryptical, emmanatical, metrical, and musical extravaganza, by Garnet Walch, author of Trecubinto, Adamanta, Australia Felix, Pygmalion and his Girl (dear), &c., forming the opening to the Royal Pantomime,

BEAUTY AND THE BEAST,
or,
HARLEQUIN KING GLORIO THE MILLIONTH, THE ISLAND OF APES,
and
THE FAIRIES OF THE MAGIC ROSES.

IMMORTALS.

Old Year (last appearance) ..... Mr. H. A. Douglass
New Year (first appearance) ..... Miss Kate Douglass
Rose Queen (the pink of perfection) ..... Miss Myra Kemble
Queen Bee (no smoker, but liking her honey duo) ..... Miss Julia Milne
Venus (Goddess of Love and a Little Duck) ..... Miss Dolly Forde
Spirit of White Rose } the pure essences { Miss Rose Marsh
Spirit of Red Rose } { Miss Hetty Lee
Lily-bud (Lilley, but good) ..... Miss Alice Hughes
Deadly Night Shade (a Bella Donna) ..... Miss Melville
The Demon (a ragged, rampant, rancid rotten) ..... Mr. J. Hasker.

THE SIGNS OF THE ZODIAC.

Aries, the Ram ..... Master Rees
Gemini, the Twins ..... Masters Eng and Chang Lee
Leo, the Lion ..... Master A. Rarer
Libra, the Scales ..... Master Shortweight
Sagittarius, the Archer ..... Master Young Bean
Aquarius, the Waterman ..... Master Rivers
Taurus, the Bull ..... Master Metcalf
Cancer, the Crab ..... Master Crawler
Virgo, the Virgin ..... Miss Sydney
Scorpio, the Scorpion ..... Master Stinger
Capricornus, the Goat ..... Master Billy
Pisces, the Fishes ..... Masters Schnapper
A Bevy of Flowers, Swarm of Bee Guards, Butterflies, Fairy Flowerets, and Coryphees.

MORTALS.

King Glorio, the Millionth ..... Mr. W. Andrews
Queen Robusta (his Wife and Better Half) ..... Mrs. Woolridge
The Pilgrim of Love ..... Miss Maggie Oliver
Count Adventurous (who sticks to his duties) ..... Mr. J. Forrest
The Court Messenger (without a head) ..... Mr. John Dunn
Beauty (the great original) ..... Miss Tilly Anderson
The Beast (a brute as wants to seize her) ..... Mr. H. Simmonds
Aquilina (not a beauty, though Beauty's eldest Sister) ..... Mr. Harry Daniels
Parchmento (Court Pecker and Tipstaff) ..... Mr. Harry Leston
The Captain ..... Mr. Gerald Dillon
Phlunki (who keeps no Clarke, Paddles his own canoe, a good Waller, does it Brown, and takes Payne to please his passengers).
Phlunki (very funkey) ..... Mr. A. Andrews
Lord Mayor (We'll see mair about it no.) ..... Mr. G. P. Carey
Amazonian Chief (who would amaze any one) ..... Miss Alice Spencer.

Bluejacks, Sailors, Aldermen, Soldiers, Beadles, Guards, Big Heads, Black Pages, White Pages, Statues, Monkeys, and
AMAZONIAN GUARDS!

The new Scenery by Messrs. W. KINCHELA and A. CLINT.

The Enchanting "Transformation Scene by Mr. W. J. WILSON, assisted by Messrs KINCHELA and CLINT.

The sparkling Music arranged by Mr. B. LEVEY.

The elegant and brilliant Costume by Signor BARTOLOMEOTTI, Madame MROUCHER, and assistants.

Extraordinary new Mechanical Effects, by Mr. HERBERT WINNING and assistants.

The astounding and peculiar Tricks and Properties by Mr. VINSON.

The Luminous Cal ium Effects by Messrs. BOWN and CO.

The Gold and Silver Plated Jewelled Armour, imported expressly from London, by Messrs. S. HOFFNUNG and CO.

The Ballet and Marches arranged by ..... Mr. E. M'Lean
The Comic Scenes arranged by ..... Mr. E. B. Russell
The whole produced under the sole direction of
Mr. SAMUEL LAZAR.

SYNOPSIS OF SCENERY AND INCIDENTS.
PROLOGUE.
(Scene—A. Clint)
ROOFS OF HOUSES NEAR THE GENERAL POST OFFICE.
The Old and New Year—Feet, Foot Furs — Hi, Presto! No deception, but the real Legitimate
TWELVE SIGNS OF THE ZODIAC.
The Part arranged for a GRAND PANTOMIME, which leads to

Act 1, Scene 1.—THE GARDEN OF ROSES,
(W. Kinchela and A. Clint).

Venus's dove car—not drawn by doves-ers. Cupid annoys his maternal parent by chasing the wild and festive butterfly. He is removed, and thinks he had better fly to another quarter, as he could have no more quarter from his ma.
THE FAIRY FLOWER STATUES.
The honey-stealer, who, instead of getting honey from the cell, gets whacks from the seller.
THE SPELLING BEE.
Phlunki rescued by the Pilgrim of Love, who confesses his love for Beauty, and obtains the aid of the Rose Queen.
The Spirits of the Roses.
THE TALISMAN.

"When fairy aid you'd summon to your side,
Kiss a white rose, your want will be supplied."

Deadly Nightshade's Jealousy and Thirst.
GRAND BALLET AND JUVENILE MINUET
La Watteau—by Miss Nelly Russell and Master M'Lean, assisted by a Large Troupe of Coryphees.

Scene 2.—ANTE-CHAMBER IN KING GLORIO'S PALACE, (W. Kinchela.)

"Who'd be a mother," and some other like remark from Queen Robusta. Marry come up. The rival sisters. No one sister will wed her sister. Is she not like to Greek? The counterplot. Deadly Nightshade and the Demon on the track.

Scene 3.—GRAND SQUARE NEAR THE CITY GATES,
(A. Clint and W. Kinchela.)

Phlunki eleven stories up. How's that for high? He chums in with the police, considering it good policy, THE KING'S PROCESSION.
Arrival of the Queen and the Mayor. May her shadow never grow less. The King and his Corporation (not persons). The rival princesses. The stolen Talisman! Deadly Nightshade Triumphant! Arrival of the Heralds, who fetch the morning intelligencer, and so goes Evening Snooze. Ructions! Ructions. Hide our banners on the outward walls; bring out our own an unco one-horse shay.
THE MARCH OF THE AMAZONS.

Act 2, Scene 1.—Grand Saloon on board the King's ship, (W. Kinchela.)

Arrival of two conspirators (the two can spirit as much as you like to give them). Off the Sow and Pigs. Everybody sick. Four creatures (pork poachers).
THE MAGIC BIRD.

Scene 2.—GROTESQUE CHAMBER IN THE BEAST'S PALACE,
(Kinchela and Clint.)

The Captive Beauty—The Message—Sing on, sweet bird—and he does.

Scene 3.—MONKEY LAND.
Tropical Forest in the Island of Apes.
(Clint and Kinchela.)
THE DARWINIAN THEORY EXPLAINED.
The Connecting Link Discovered.

Scene 4.—THE BEAST'S PALACE.
Arrival of the Troops—The King and the Monkeys—Royalty at a Discount—Arrival of the Beast's army, who overwhelm the King's troops.

Scene 5.—CAVE DUNGEON BENEATH THE BEAST'S PALACE.
The White Rose restored—The Talisman regained—The Curse—Arrival of the Rose Queen.
THE LOVERS UNITED.

TRANSFORMATION.

Harlequin ..... Mr. E. M'LEAN
Columbine ..... Miss NELLY RUSSELL
Clown ..... Mr. E. B. RUSSELL
Pantaloon ..... Mr. G. P. CAREY
Policeman ..... Mr. HARRY LESTON.

GRAND TRANSFORMATION SCENE.
1.—The Silver Lakes in the Cave of Content.
2.—The Floral Conservatory on the boards of Fairy Land.
3.—The Temple of Apollo in the Vestibule of Gems and Jewels.
4.—On the Borders of Dreamland.
5.—The Home of the Peri in the pellucid waters of the Crystal Lake.
6.—The Rainbow of Forms.

7.—DREAMLAND!
The Home of the Fairies amidst Golden Ferns and Crystal Cascades.
The whole designed and painted by Mr. W. J. WILSON.

Comic Scenes.
Scene 1.—TURNER and WOOD'S SEWING-MACHINE DEPOT.
Pas de deux Espagnol ..... Harlequin and Columbine
Sewing Extraordinary—How to make trousers without stealing them. A light head and a light hat. Defries chandelier endangered by the grand infantile ascension. Horrible barbarity to an old lady.

Extramundane Spiritual by the
FAKIR OF WOOLLOOMOOLOO,
and
MLLE. "LAISY" PANTALOONI.

City Regulars in Trouble—on the point of a great event, and also the point of a bayonet.
GRAND BALLOON ASCENT
and police descent.
Robertson, M'Elhone, Lucas and Company's cartes de visite—an exploring party—general row—rumpers and riot.

Scene 2.—ROBERTS'S CROWN AND ANCHOR HOTEL.

Double Hornpipe ..... Harlequin and Columbine
Three Star Brandy and three well-known stars—Surgical Operation by Dr. Russell Fittyscue—An extraordinary old lady and an egg-straordinary proceeding—a swell about to invest is divested—Gilroy's Baking Powder and Hurst's Worcester Sauce—Roberts's "knock me down"—Caught in a line—The Masonic Secret disclosed.

Sword Dance ..... Master M'LEAN.
A Flying Expedition.

SCENE 3.—LEMAIRE'S TOY SHOP,
and
HIMMELHOCH'S PAWNSHOP.

Scotch Reel ..... Harlequin and Columbine
Grand Equestrian Performance.—Porter very strong, and a very strong Porter.
SHAVELIER B. LONDIN,
The Hero of DOMAIN-NIAGARA.
Lavish display of Fireworks.

SCENE THE LAST,
the
PERI'S HOME OF BLISS
amidst
SHOWERS OF GOLDEN RAIN.

PRICES AS USUAL.

THEATRE ROYAL.

Lessee and Manager ..... Mr. Samuel Lazar
Treasurer ..... Mr. James Booty.

LAST NIGHT
of the
AMUSING COMEDY,
by J. Baldwin Buckstone, Esq., entitled
MARRIED LIFE,
with a
FULL CAST OF CHARACTERS.

THIS (Friday) EVENING, December 24,
MARRIED LIFE
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Married Life.
To be followed by the Screaming Farce of
NEVER RECKON YOUR CHICKENS.

Doors open at 7.30. Overture at 8 precisely.
Prices of Admission:
Dress circle, 5s; stalls, 3s; family circle, 2s; pit, 1s
SAMUEL LAZAR.

THEATRE ROYAL.

Lessee and Manager ..... Mr. Samuel Lazar.
Treasurer ..... Mr. James Booty.

CHRISTMAS NIGHT,
SATURDAY, 25th December,
GRAND SACRED CONCERT,
under the direction of
SIGNOR P. GIORZA,
assisted by the following artistes:—
Miss MOON,
Mrs. MILES,
Mr. HINCHY,
Mr. LYNCH,
and Mr. W. F. BUECKE,
and by A FULL CHORUS of Lady and Gentlemen Amateurs, who have kindly consented to assist, under the direction of Signor BARTOLOMEOTTI.

Piano and Organ ..... Signor P. Giorza

The Theatre Royal Orchestra under the leadership of Mr. B. LEVEY.

PROGRAMME.
PART I.

1. Grand Chorus, "Laudate," ..... Rossini
2. Duet, "When I know, Oh Lord" ..... Abt
Mrs. MILES and Mr. W. F. BUECKE
3. Aria, "If with all your hearts" (Elijah) Mendelssohn
Mr. HINCHY.
4. Trio, "Noel" (Christmas Song) ..... Adam
Miss MOON, Mrs. MILES, and Mr. LYNCH
5. Piano Solo, "Stabat Mater" ..... Rossini
(arranged by Giorza)
Signor P. GIORZA
6. Prayer from "Moses" ..... Rossini
SOLO and CHORUS
7. Sacred Song, "Nazareth" ..... Gounod
Mr. W. F. BUECKE
8. "Inflammatus," from "Stabat Mater" ..... Rossini
Miss MOON and CHORUS.

PART 2.

1. Chorus, "Gloria in Excelsis" ..... Rossini
2. Grand Scena, "David before Saul" ..... Boildieu
Mr. LYNCH.
3. Aria, "And God shall wipe away all tears," from the oratorio "The Light of the World" ..... Sullivan
Mrs. MILES.
4. "Agnus Dei" ..... Verdi
Mr. HINCHEY and CHORUS.
5. Duet, "Quis est Homo" (Stabat Mater) ..... Rossini
Miss MOON and Mrs. MILES.
6. "Credo" ..... Rossini
Mr. W. F. BUECKE and CHORUS.
7. Chorus, Hallelujah, "Messiah" ..... Handel
GOD SAVE THE QUEEN.

The box plan is open daily, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., at J. R. Clarke's, 317, George-street, where seats may be secured and tickets purchased for all parts of the house.
Doors open at 7.30; Concert to commence at 8 o'clock.
Prices of admission: Dress circle, 5s; stalls, 3s; family circle, 2s; pit, 1s.
SAMUEL LAZAR.

THEATRE ROYAL.

BOXING NIGHT.

SPECIAL NOTICE.

BOX PLAN NOW OPEN.

Tickets for all parts of the house obtainable any day during the week, and from 9 to 11 a.m. on BOXING-DAY at J. R. Clarke's, 317, George-street.
Holders of tickets purchased during the day will be admitted to the theatre, by the private entrance, half an hour before the opening of the doors to the public.
SAMUEL LAZAR.

HAWKESBURY RACE CLUB

MEETING MONDAY, DECEMBER 27.

Patron—His Excellency Sir Hercules Robinson.
President—Arthur Dight, Esq.
Vice-President—William Cooper, Esq.
Stewards—The Committee.
Judge—Richard Driver, Esq.
Handicapper—T. H. West, Esq.

Maiden Plate, 100 sovereigns, to start at 1 p.m.
Sapling Stakes, 100 sovereigns, to start at 1.45 p.m.
Hawkesbury Handicap, 200 sovereigns, to start at 3.15 p.m.
Grand Stand Stakes, 100 sovereigns, to start at 4 p.m.
Members' Purse, 100 sovereigns, to start at 4.45 p.m.
Hack Stakes, 10 sovereigns, to start at 5.30. Post entrance.

Admission to Grand Stand.
Ladies, 5s; gentlemen, 10s; children, 2s 6d.
Members of the H. R. C. are allowed the privilege of taking one lady free of charge to the Grand Stand. Ladies' tickets can be obtained at members' entrance gate; tickets for trainers and jockeys can be obtained from the secretary on the evenings of the 23rd and 24th December.
Railway accommodation perfect. Trains leave Redfern as follows:—8.15 a.m., fare 3s; 8.40 a.m., fare 3s; 9.15 a.m., fare 4s; 10.25 a.m., fare 4s; 11.15 a.m., for which a few first-class tickets will be issued on application to Station Master, Redfern, by the 24th instant, fares 13s 6d. These trains land passengers at the entrance gates.
CHARLES S. GUEST,
Secretary H. R. C., Richmond.

THEATRE ROYAL.

SPECIAL NOTICE.

STALLS ENTRANCE.

By the decision of the BENCH OF MAGISTRATES at the Water Police Court, on the 22nd instant, the OBJECTIONABLE DOORS in the ENTRANCE to the STALLS WILL IN FUTURE BE CLOSED.
SAMUEL LAZAR, Manager.

HOUSE OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD.
GRAND ANNUAL EXCURSION TO
ATHOL GARDENS,
on BOXING-DAY, MONDAY, December 27, 1875.
Steamers—Amy, Manly, Phantom, and Prince are engaged, and will ply from Circular Quay every half-hour during the day; first steamer to leave at 9.15 a.m. For the convenience of residents of Pyrmont and Balmain, the steamer Prince will leave John-street ferry, Pyrmont, at 9 a.m., and Darling-street wharf, Balmain, at 9.15. (c.) Amy will call at Woolloomooloo Bay at 9.30, and 10.30.
A first-class Brass Band and National Musicians in attendance.
Tickets: Adults, 1s 6d; children, 1s.
J. J. GILCHRIST,
Hon. Secretary.

ST. JOHN'S DAY, TUESDAY, December 28 (day after Boxing Day)—PICNIC TO ATHOL GARDENS.—First-class Brass Band, under the direction of Mr. Pearson. Dancing and all kinds of amusements. Tickets, 1s 6d each; children, half-price.
G. VINCENT, Secretary.

EXHIBITION BUILDING.—DE MURSKA.

TO-MORROW, CHRISTMAS NIGHT.

POSITIVELY LAST NIGHTS
Positively Last Nights
Positively Last Nights
and
Farewell appearances in Sydney
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of the
FAMOUS HUNGARIAN NIGHTINGALE
Famous Hungarian Nightingale
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Mdlle.
ILMA { the supreme Queen of Song, } DE MURSKA
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who has charmed the Sydney audiences who stands apart from her contemporaries who reigns unique in her own sphere.

The
DE MURSKA GRAND JUBILEE
De Murska Grand Jubilee
De Murska Grand Jubilee
commencing on

TO-MORROW. CHRISTMAS Christmas Christmas	TO-MORROW. SATURDAY EVENING, 26th December. At the	TO-MORROW. NIGHT Night Night.
EXHIBITION Exhibition Exhibition	At a quarter to 8 o'clock. Over at 10.30. with a	BUILDING Building Building.

DE MURSKA CHRISTMAS FESTIVAL
De Murska Christmas Festival
De Murska Christmas Festival.
Of
GRAND SACRED MUSIC
Grand Sacred Music
Grand Sacred Music
of
THE GREAT MASTERS.

FOR THE FIRST TIME IN SYDNEY
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and a
DE MURSKA MONSTER CONCERT
De Murska Monster Concert
De Murska Monster Concert,
ON BOXING NIGHT
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MILLION PRICES
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A CHANCE FOR ALL
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to see and listen
to the
WONDERFUL DE MURSKA
Wonderful De Murska,
THE GREATEST LIVING SINGER
The Greatest Living Singer.

The Managers of the De Murska Musical Festival have the honour to announce to the public of Sydney and its vicinity that they have, at great expense, concluded an arrangement with Signor D. de Vivo, by which the famous Hungarian Nightingale,
Mdlle. ILMA DE MURSKA
will appear for the first time in Sydney in
GRAND SELECTIONS
of
SACRED MUSIC
of
THE GREAT MASTERS,
assisted by her Concert Company, including
Signori ROSNATI,
SUSINI, and
GIAMMONA.

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CHRISTMAS PROGRAMME.
PART I.

1. Christmas Carol—"The Song of the Angels" ..... Packer
By all the Vocalists.
2. Air—"O Salutaris Hostia" ..... Wely
Mr. J. BOSARET.
3. Motette—"The Lord is my salvation" ..... Hauptmann
Miss HARVEY, Mrs. G. F. JACKSON, Mr. JACKSON, and Mr. ANDREW FAIRFAX.
4. Song—"He shall feed" (Messiah) ..... Handel
Miss BESSIE HARRISON.
5. Aria—"Pie Pecatis" (Stabat Mater) ..... Rossini
Signor SUSINI.
6. Air—"With verdure clad" (Creation) ..... Haydn
Mademoiselle ILMA DE MURSKA.
7. Song—"Then shall the righteous shine" (Ruby) ..... Mendelssohn
Signor ROSNATI.
8. Trio—"Are not my days few" (David) ..... Packer
Miss BESSIE HARRISON, Mrs. G. F. JACKSON, and Mr. JACKSON.
9. Grand Scena—"Basta! Basta!" (Un Ballo) ..... Packer
Mr. JOHN BUSHELLE.
10. Solo, flute—"Pastorale Egiziani" ..... Briccialdi
Signor GIAMMONA.
11. Trio—"On thee each living soul awaits" (Creation) ..... Haydn
Mrs. MORGAN, Mr. ACKLAND, and Mr. ANDREW FAIRFAX.

An intermission of five minutes only.

PART II.

1. Duet—"Lord, cause thy face" (Ps) ..... Costa
Mr. ANDREW FAIRFAX and Mr. J. BOSARET.
2. Song of the Penitent Thief—"When thou, oh Lord" (Crown of Thorns) ..... Packer
Mr. G. F. JACKSON.
3. Quintette—"'Twas He, the pure and holy one" (Crown of Thorns) ..... Packer
Miss BESSIE HARRISON, Miss HARVEY, Mr. JACKSON, Mr. ANDREW FAIRFAX, and Mr. J. BUSHELLE.
4. Song—"Angels ever bright and fair" (Theodora) ..... Handel
Mademoiselle ILMA DE MURSKA.
5. Aria—"Gloria Patria" ..... Composed expressly by Signor Giammona for Signor Rosnati.
6. Song—"Ave Maria" ..... Geraldi
Signor SUSINI.
7. Quartette—"Sweet peace and plenty" (David) Packer
Miss STANTON, Mrs. G. F. JACKSON, Mr. JACKSON, and Mr. J. BUSHELLE.
8. Song—"Lord God of Abraham" (Elijah) ..... Mendelssohn
Mr. ANDREW FAIRFAX.
9. Song—"Ave Maria" ..... Gounod
Miss STANTON.
10. Quartette—"Del mio stellato soglio" (Mose) ..... Rossini
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